

# STARBLAZER

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## SPACE GHOST!

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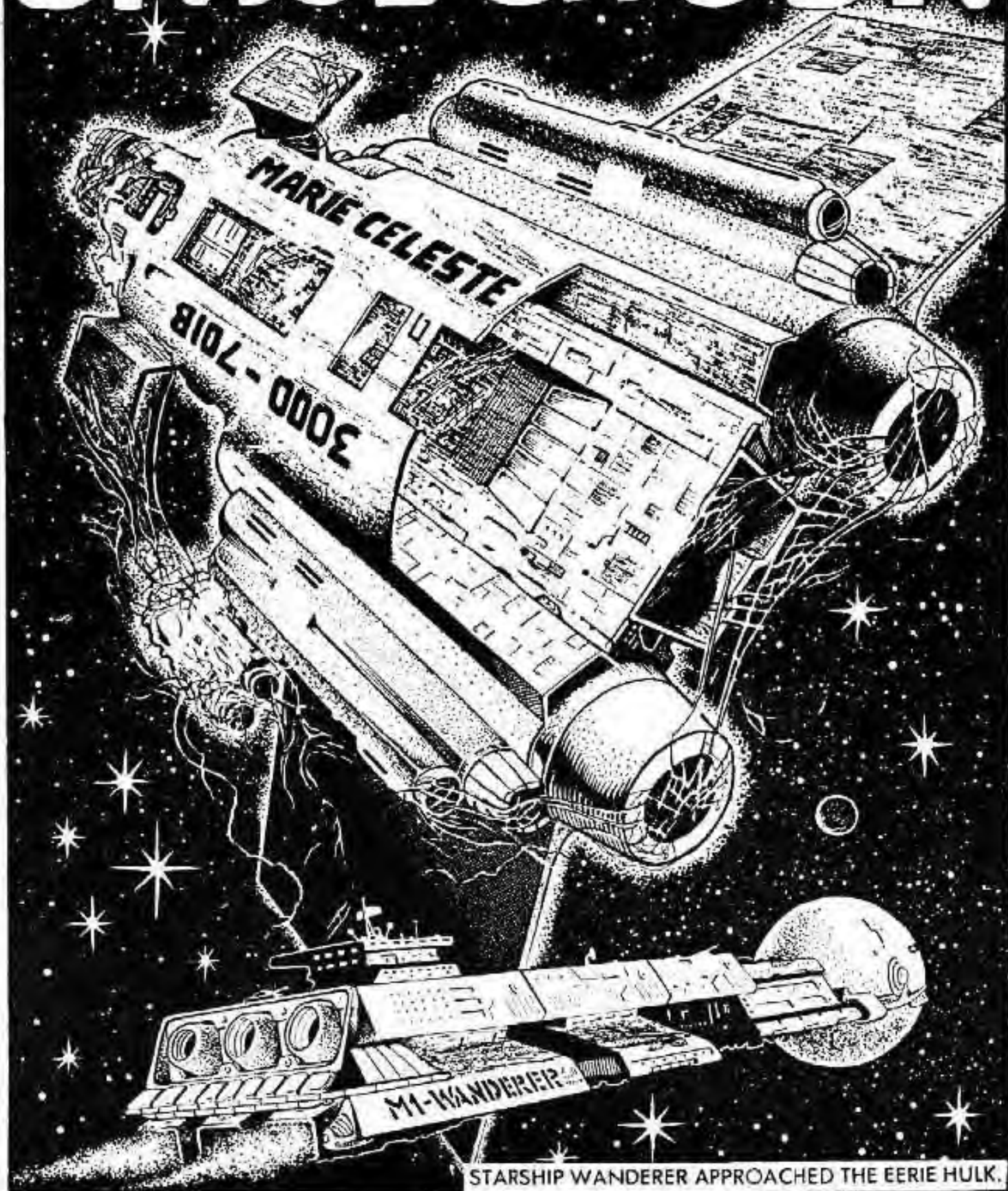


DEEP SPACE WAS FILLED WITH UNKNOWN DANGERS. MANY CRAFT DID NOT RETURN FROM INTERSTELLAR TRIPS. ALL DISAPPEARANCES WERE LOGGED, AND INVESTIGATED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, BUT USUALLY ENDED UP CATEGORISED AS—LOST, PRESUMED DESTROYED.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM G. BRENT WAS COMMANDER OF AN EARTH DEEP SPACE MONITOR, WANDERER, WHEN IT PICKED UP AN OBJECT ON THE SCANNERS. IT WAS A...



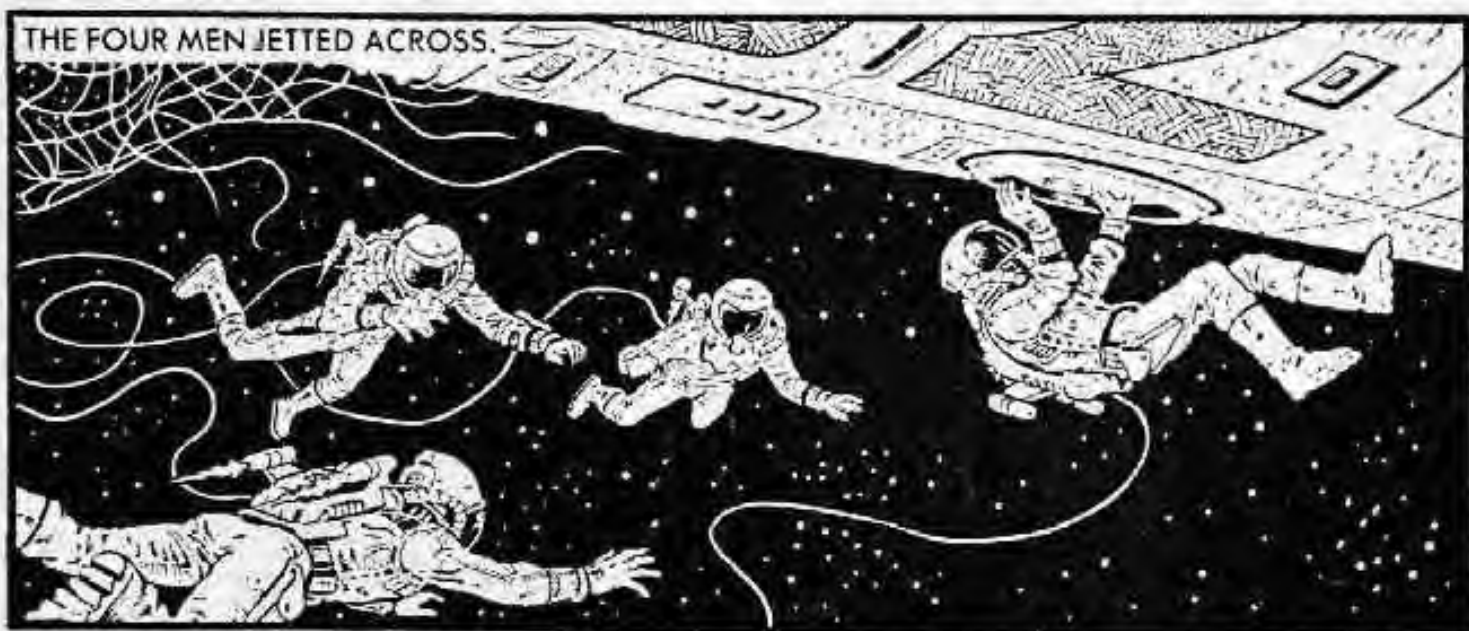
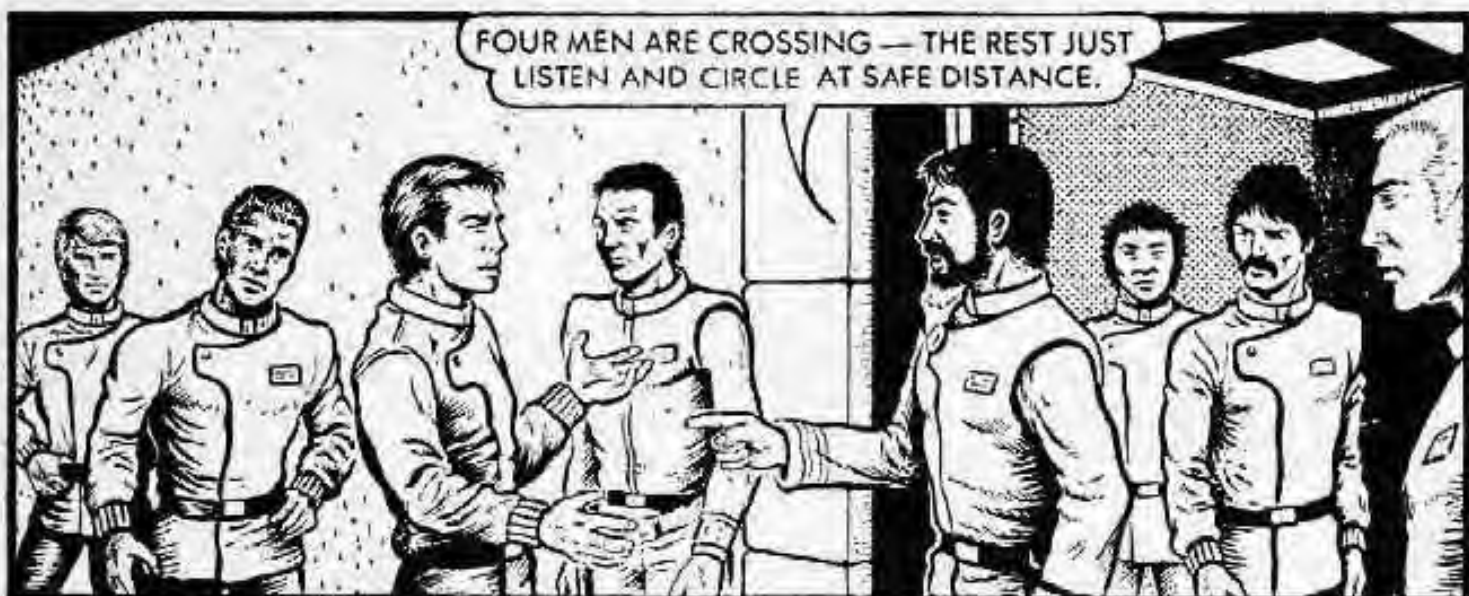
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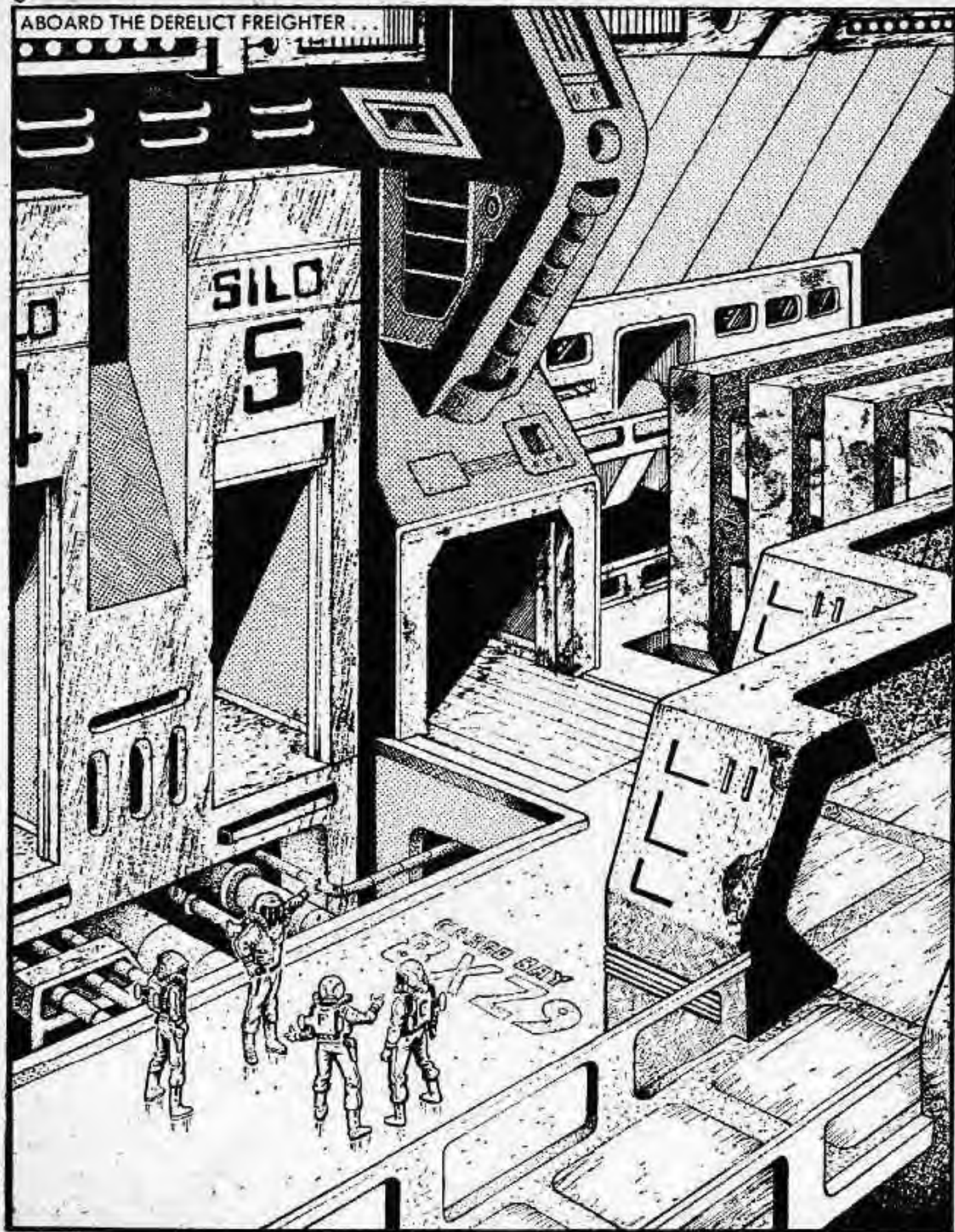
STARSHIP WANDERER APPROACHED THE EERIE HULK.







ABOARD THE DERELICT FREIGHTER ...





THE AIR WAS BREATHABLE, SO THEIR SPACE SUITS WERE REMOVED —

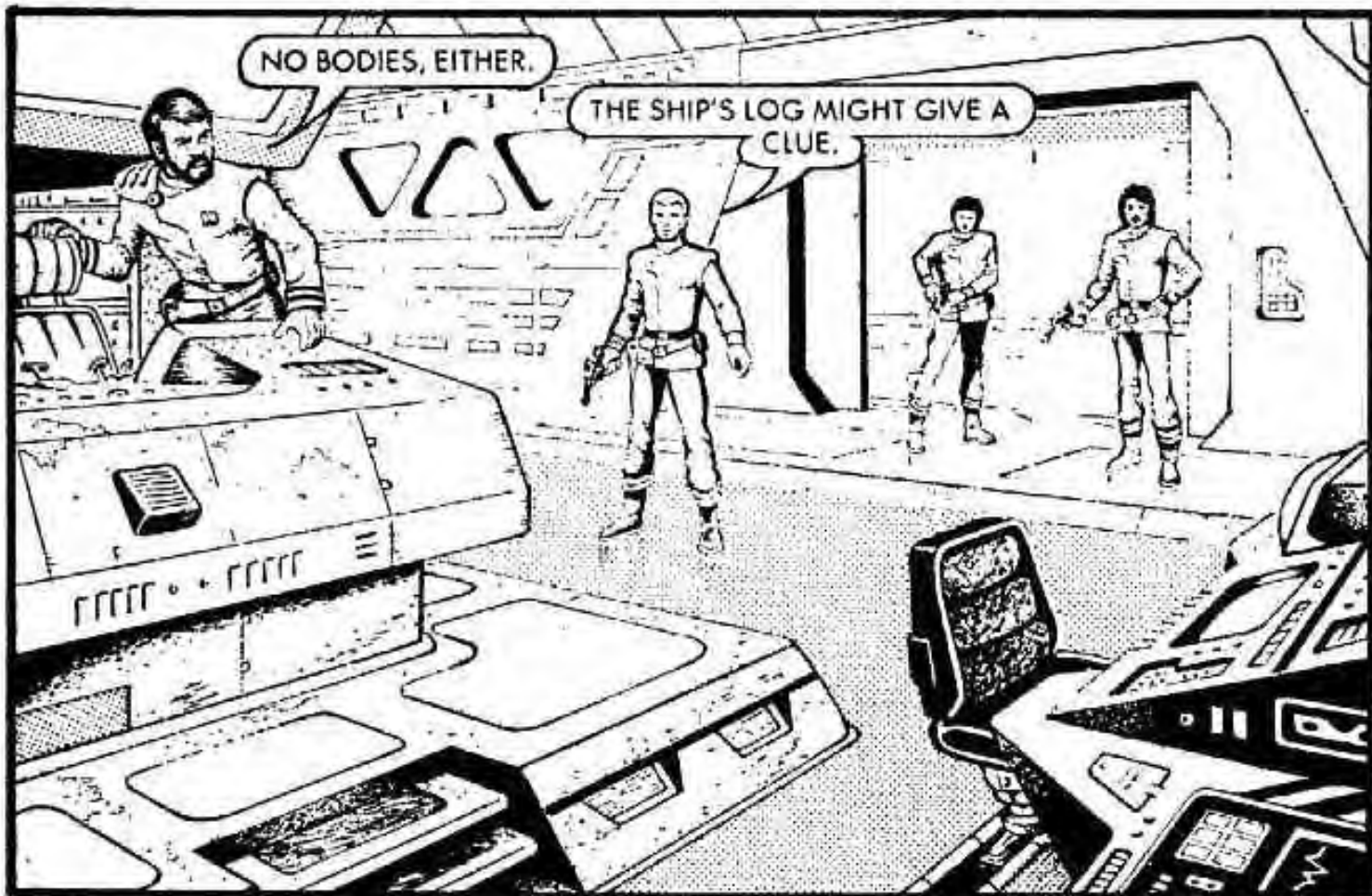
CALLING WANDERER! ARRIVAL COMPLETED.  
FREIGHTER APPEARS COMPLETELY EMPTY. NO  
CARGO IN BAYS.

PLENTY OF DUST. NO SIGN OF THE  
FUNGUS OR LICHEN WE SAW ON  
THE OUTSIDE OF CRAFT.

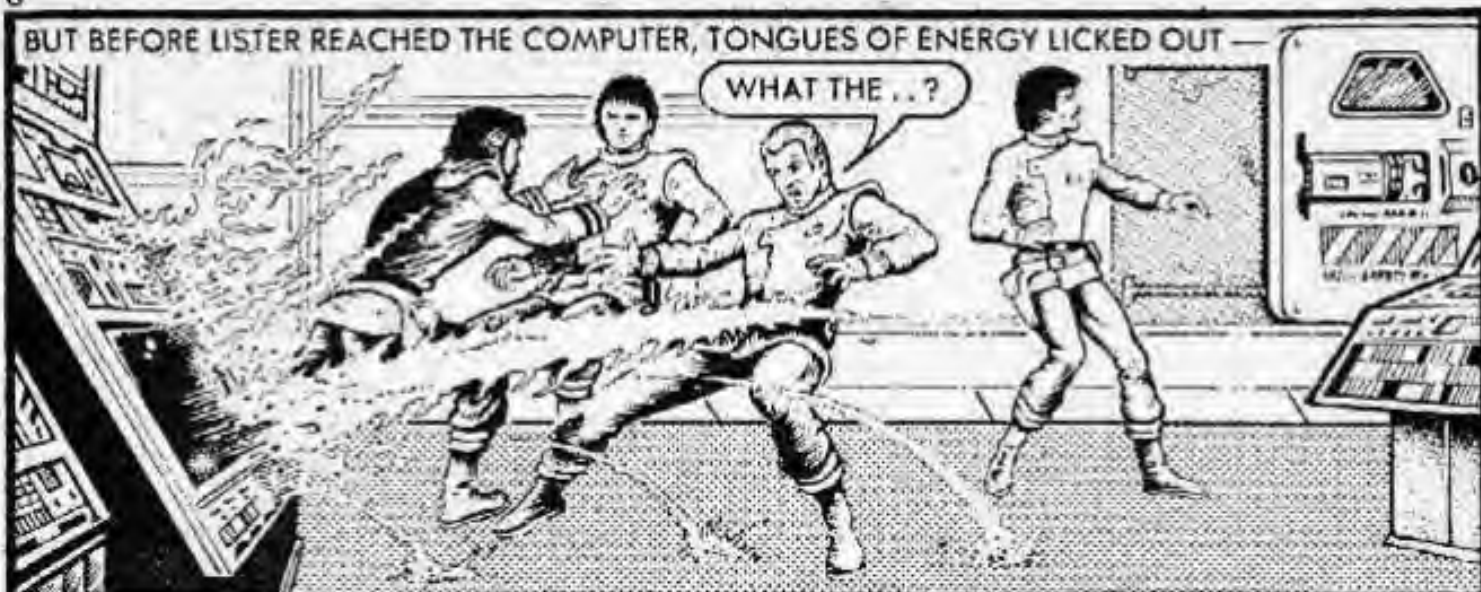


NO BODIES, EITHER.

THE SHIP'S LOG MIGHT GIVE A  
CLUE.



BUT BEFORE LISTER REACHED THE COMPUTER, TONGUES OF ENERGY LICKED OUT —



THIS WAY, CAPTAIN!  
AN EMERGENCY DOOR.



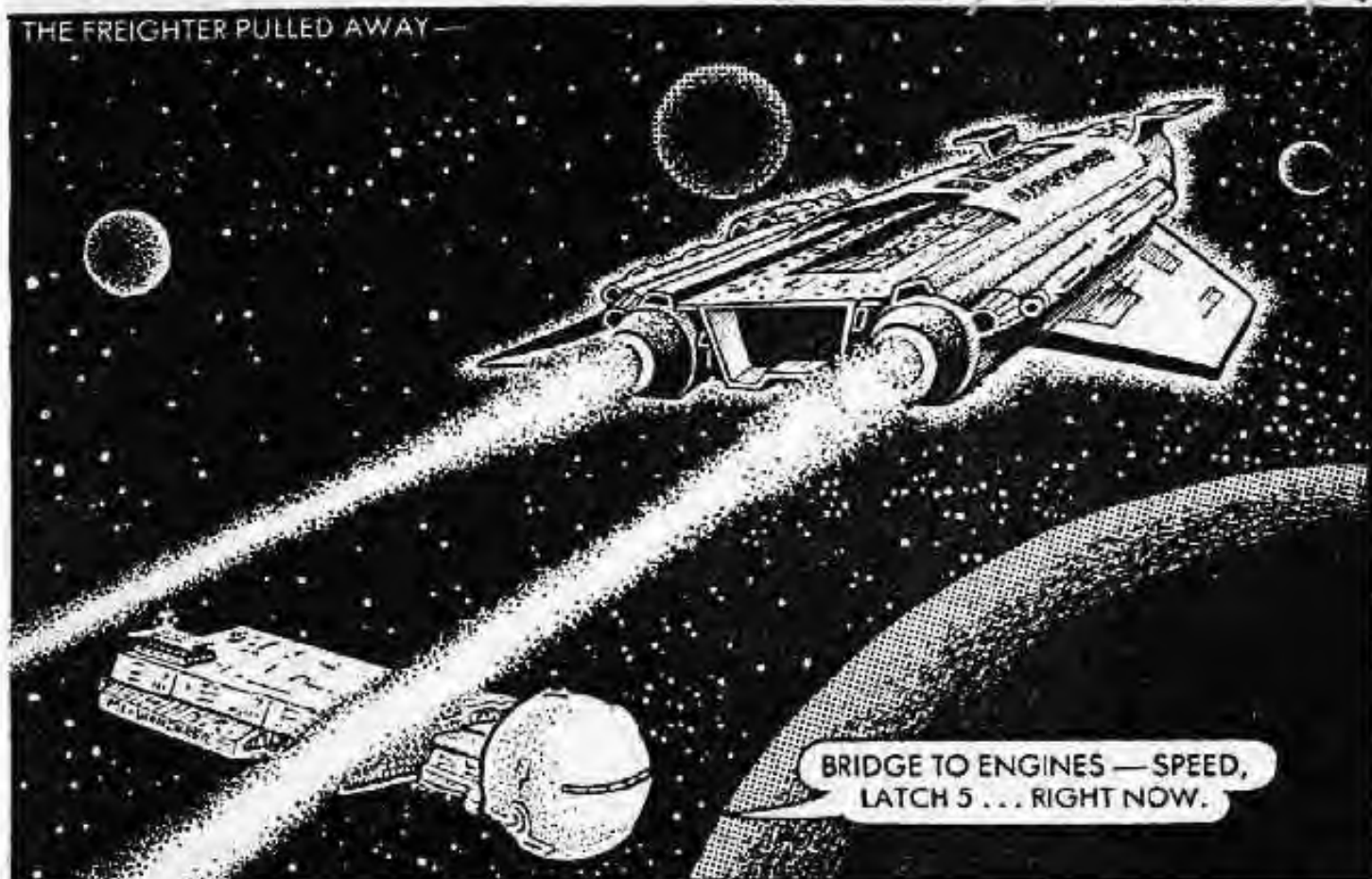
ON THE WANDERER —

THE FREIGHTER'S MOVING! NO SIGNALS  
FROM THE CAPTAIN OR BOARDERS. TRANSMISSION  
IS POOR.





THE FREIGHTER PULLED AWAY—



MEANWHILE —

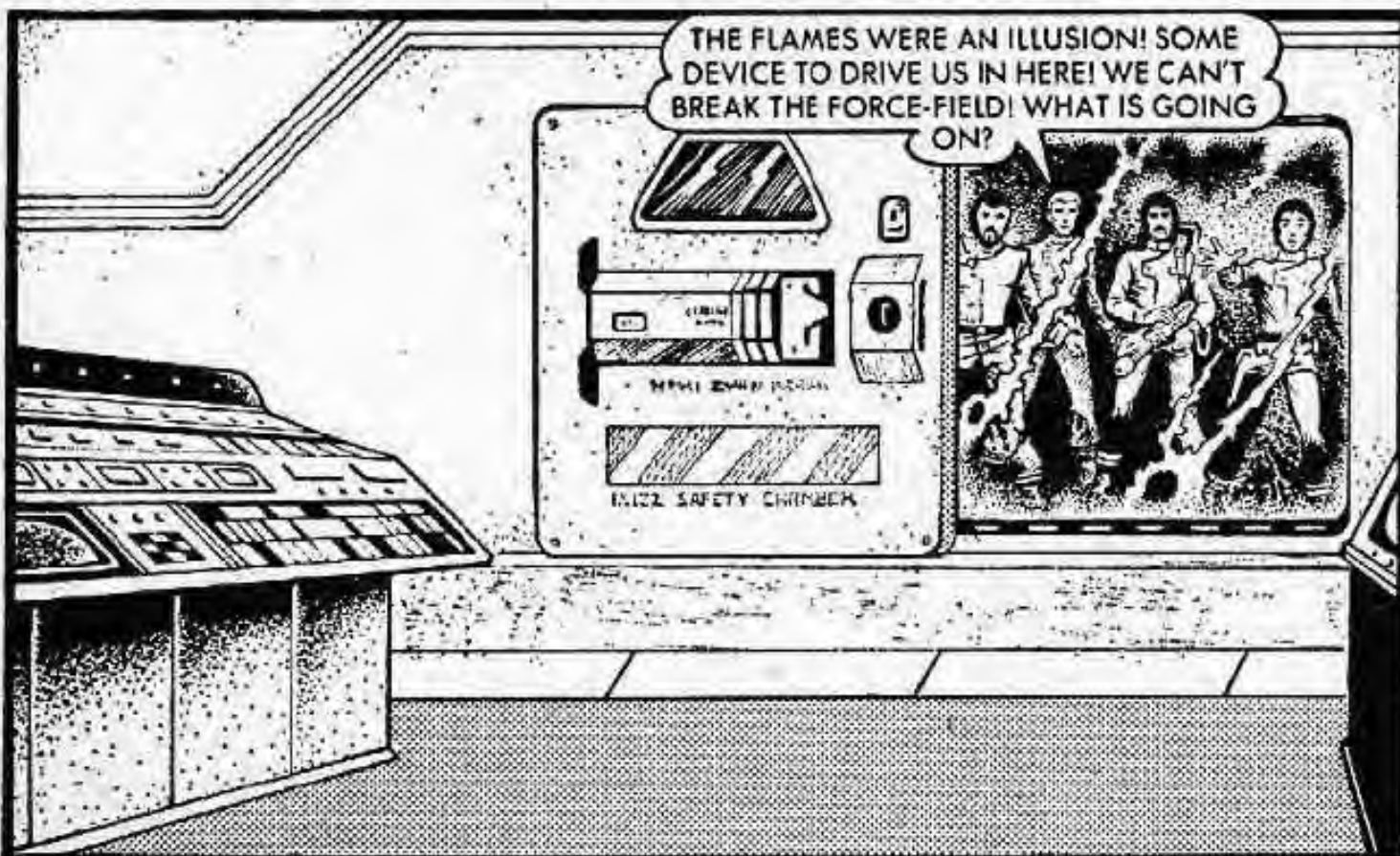
THE EXTINGUISHERS!  
GRAB THEM!

IT'S STRANGE THERE'S NO  
HEAT FROM THE FIRE!

SOMETHING'S HAPPENING! THERE'S  
A FORCE-FIELD SEALING US IN.

THE FREIGHTER'S  
IN MOTION!

THE FLAMES WERE AN ILLUSION! SOME  
DEVICE TO DRIVE US IN HERE! WE CAN'T  
BREAK THE FORCE-FIELD! WHAT IS GOING  
ON?

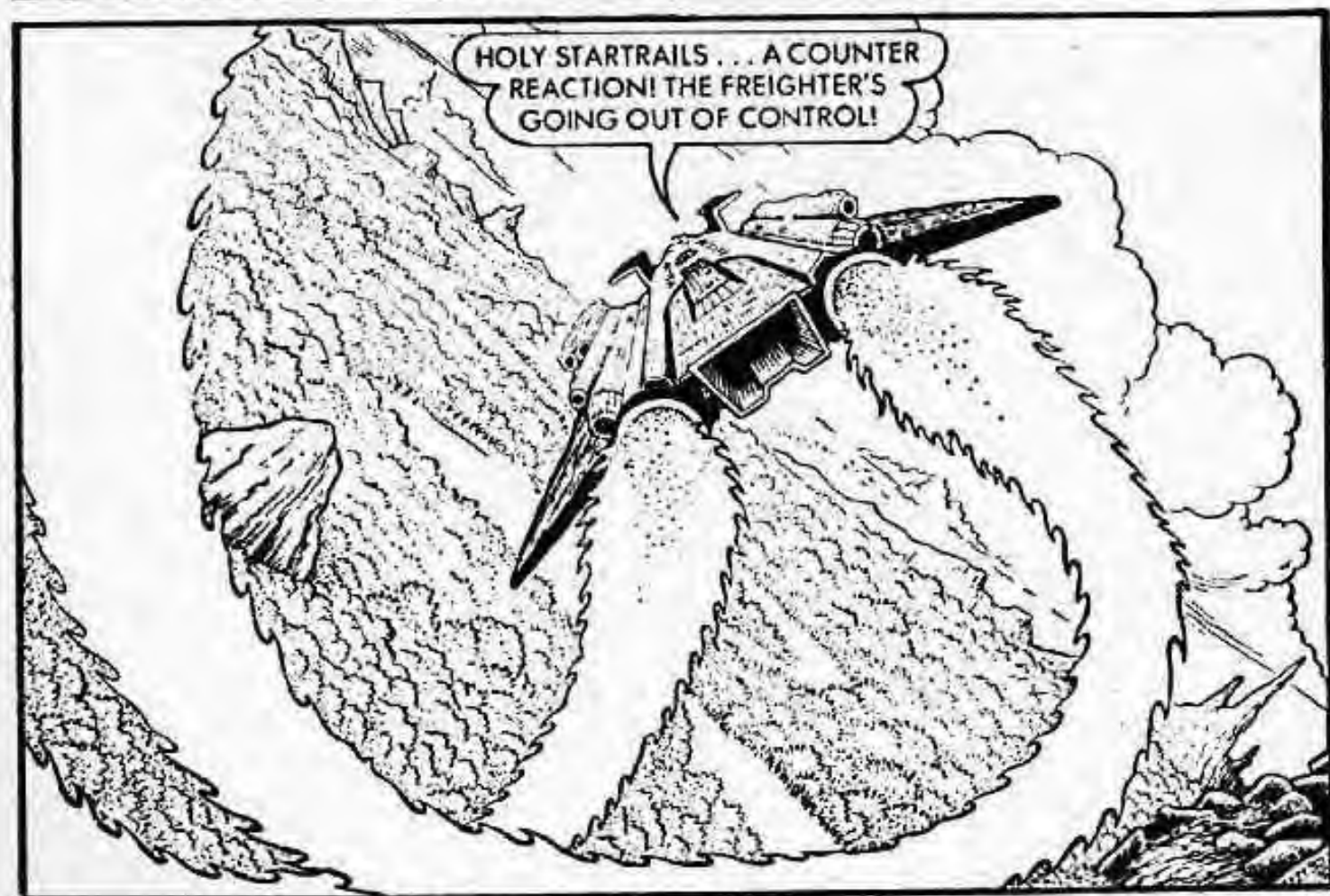




THE FREIGHTER HURTLED ON INTO AN UNKNOWN PLANETARY SYSTEM —

I CAN'T GET THROUGH  
TO THE WANDERER...

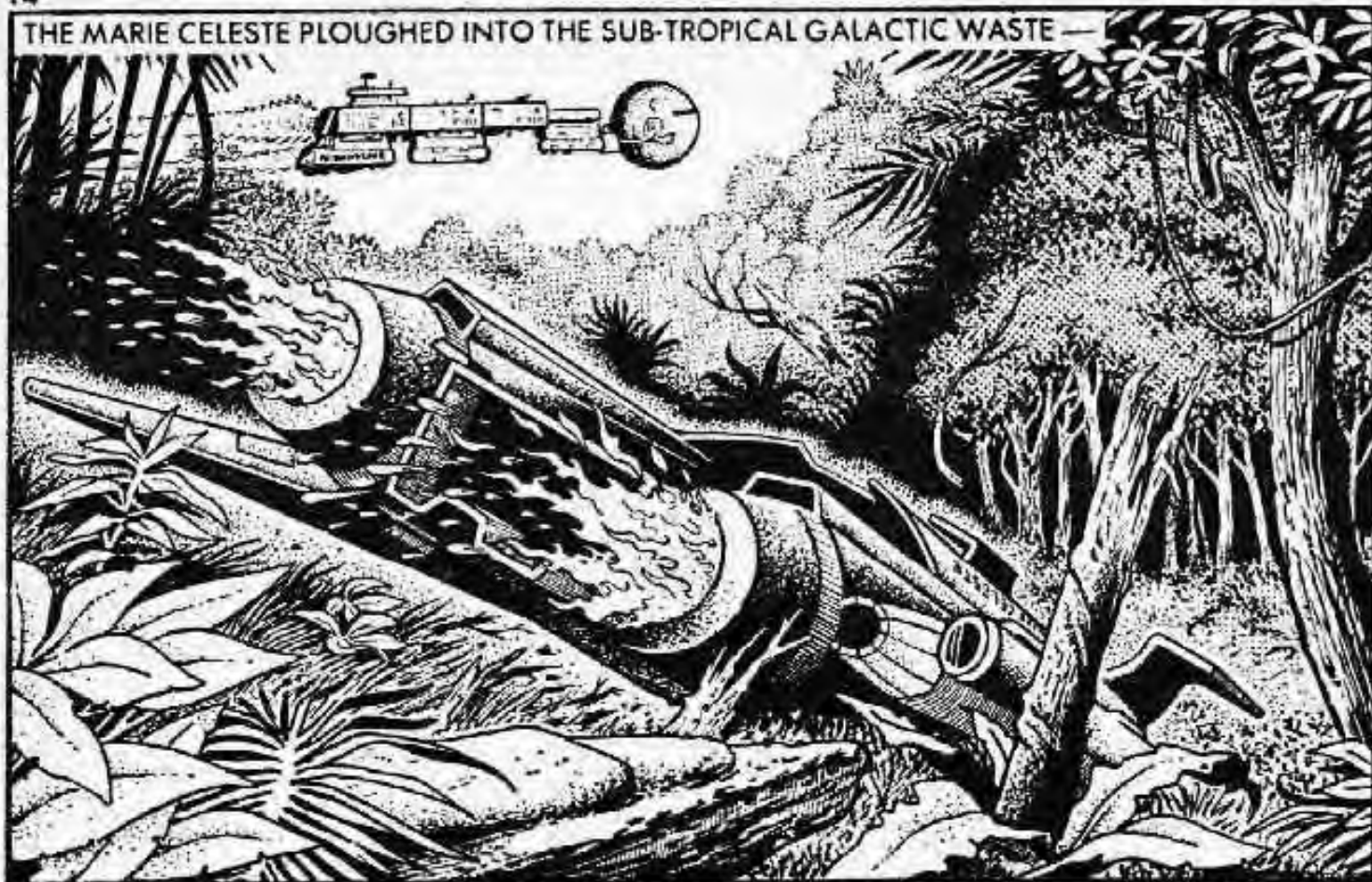




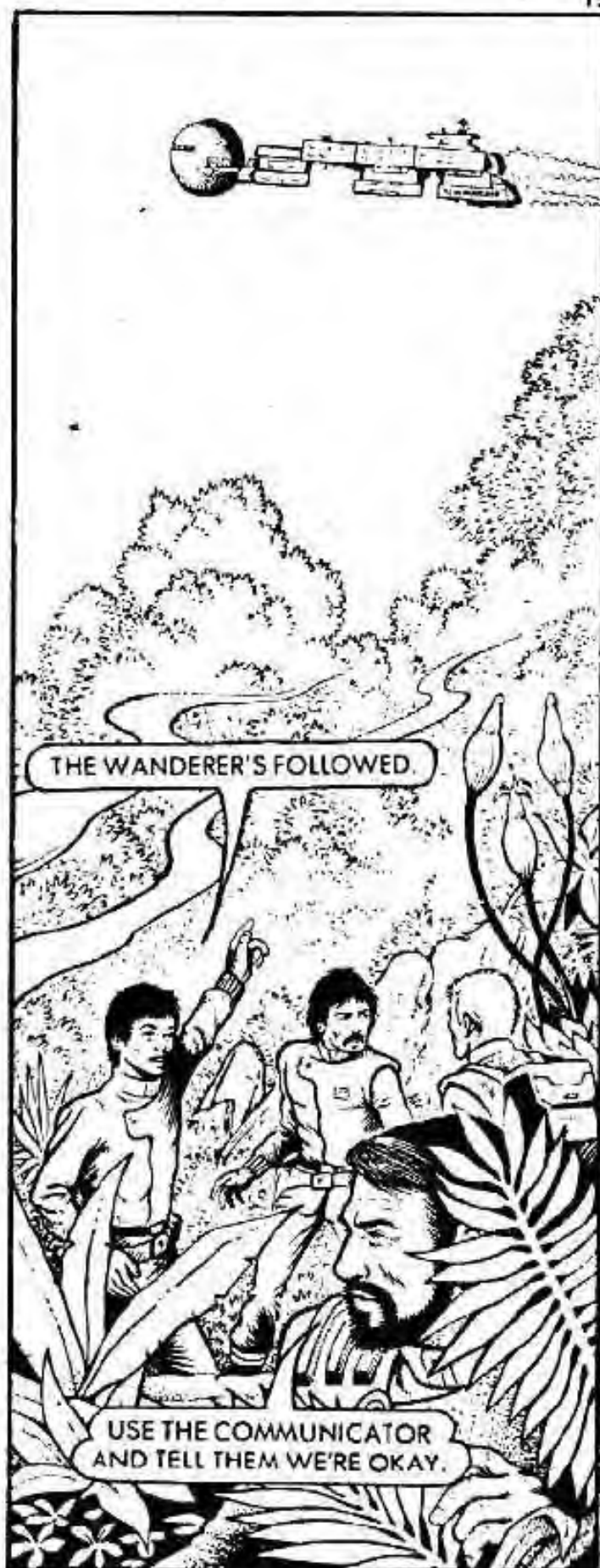




THE MARIE CELESTE PLOUGHED INTO THE SUB-TROPICAL GALACTIC WASTE —

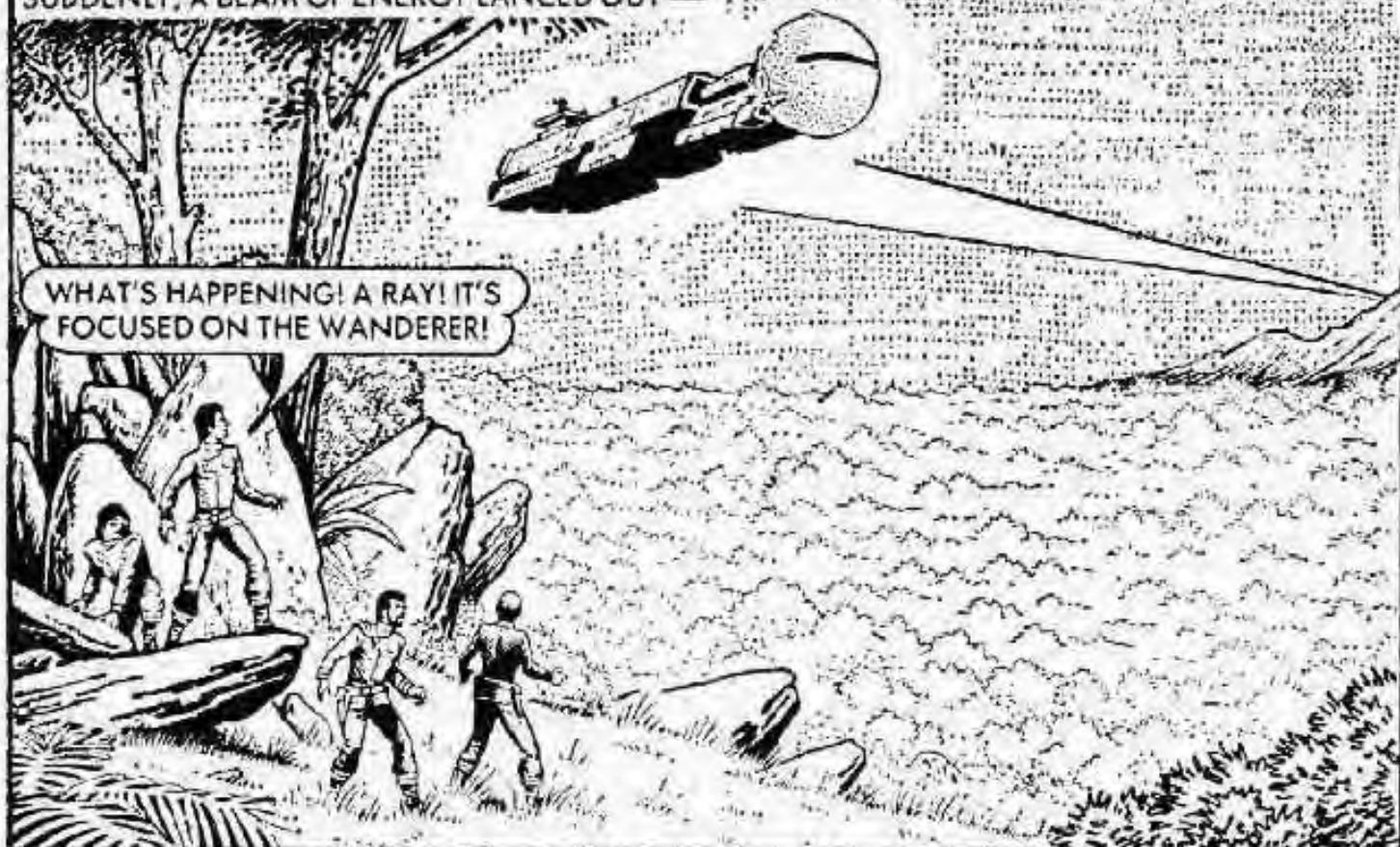






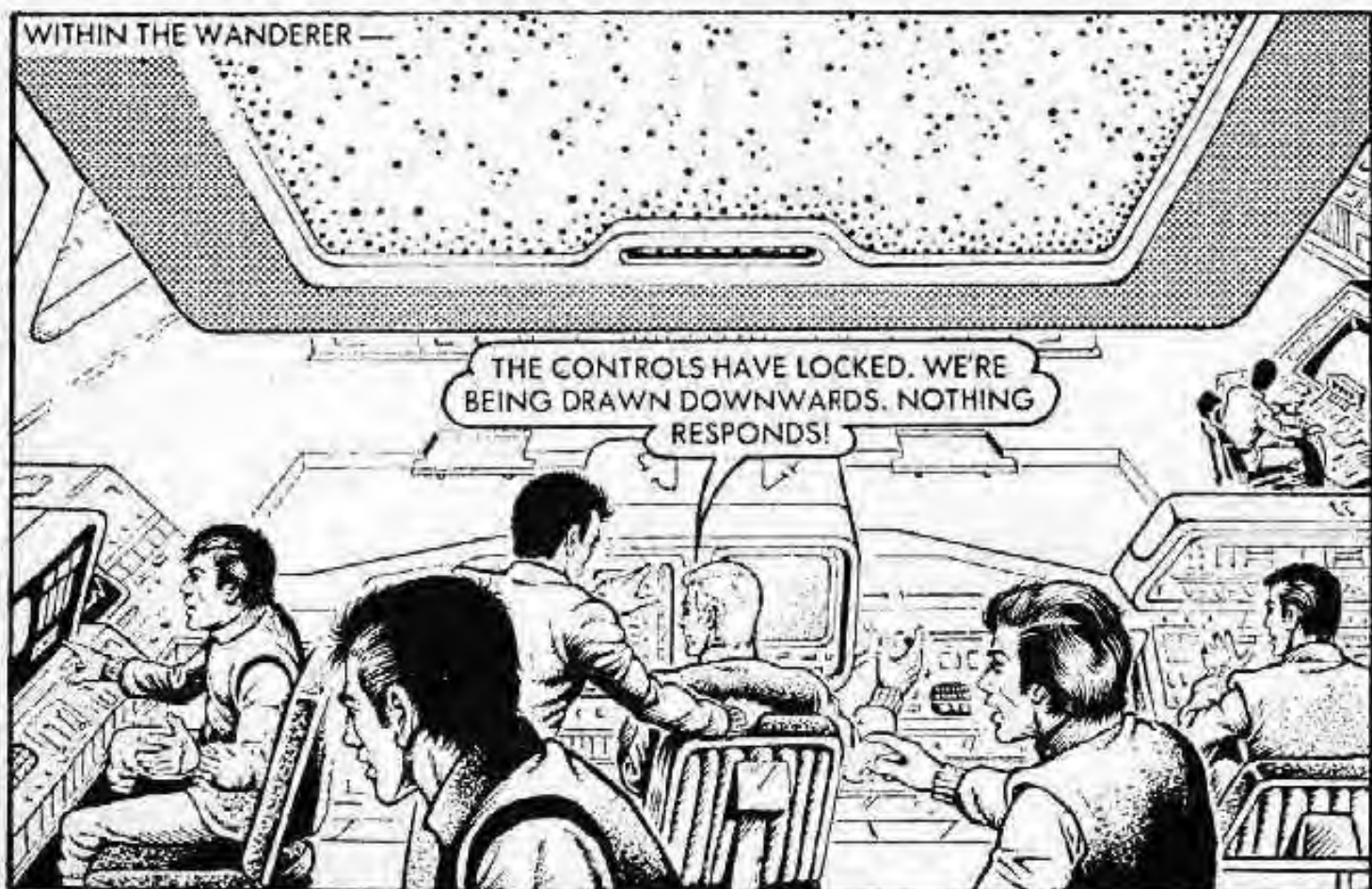
SUDDENLY, A BEAM OF ENERGY LANCED OUT —

WHAT'S HAPPENING! A RAY! IT'S  
FOCUSED ON THE WANDERER!



WITHIN THE WANDERER —

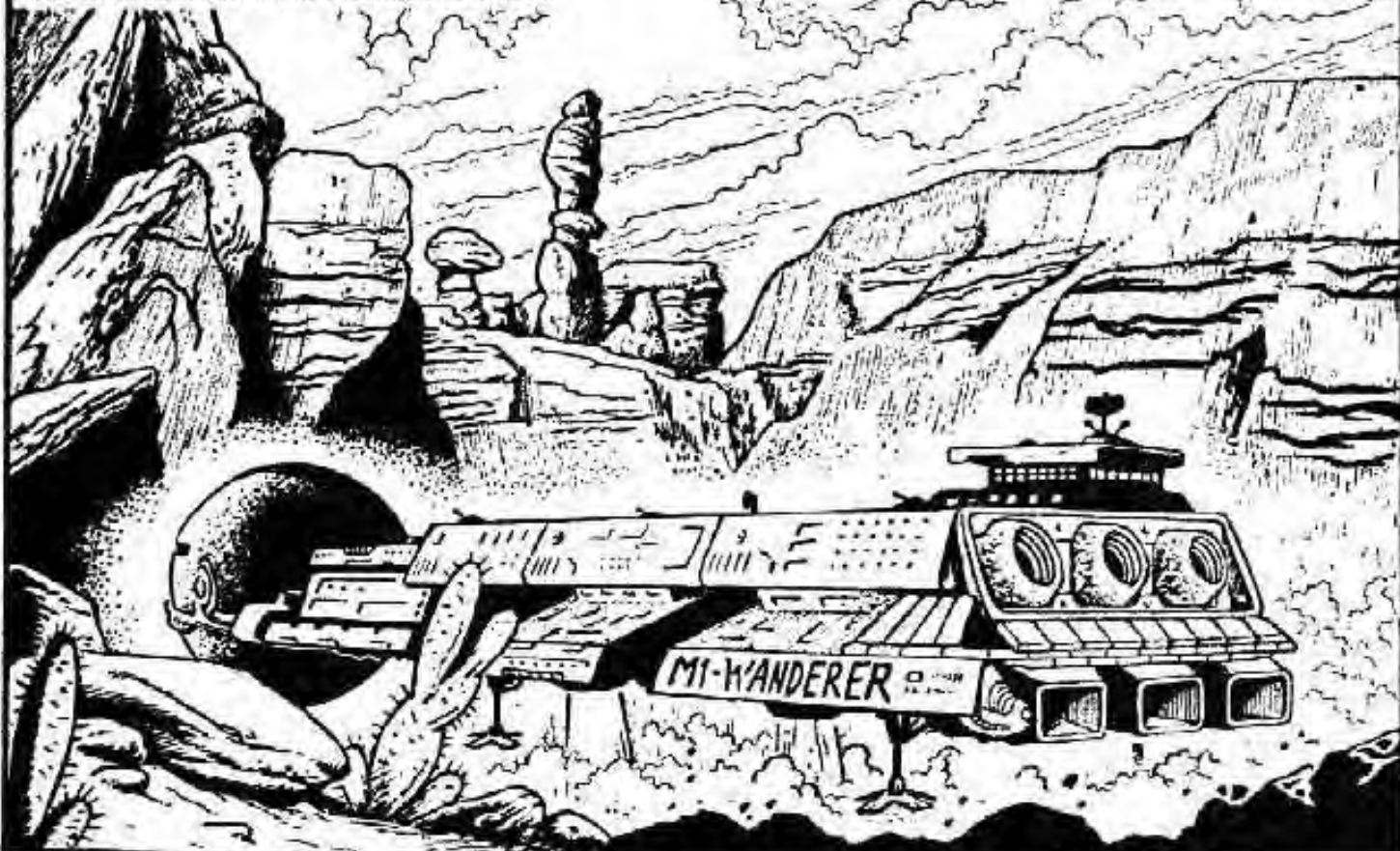
THE CONTROLS HAVE LOCKED. WE'RE  
BEING DRAWN DOWNWARDS. NOTHING  
RESPONDS!







THE WANDERER WAS FORCED DOWN.



INSIDE THE CRAFT —

DON'T OPEN THE HATCH!  
SOME POWER BEAMED US HERE  
DELIBERATELY.

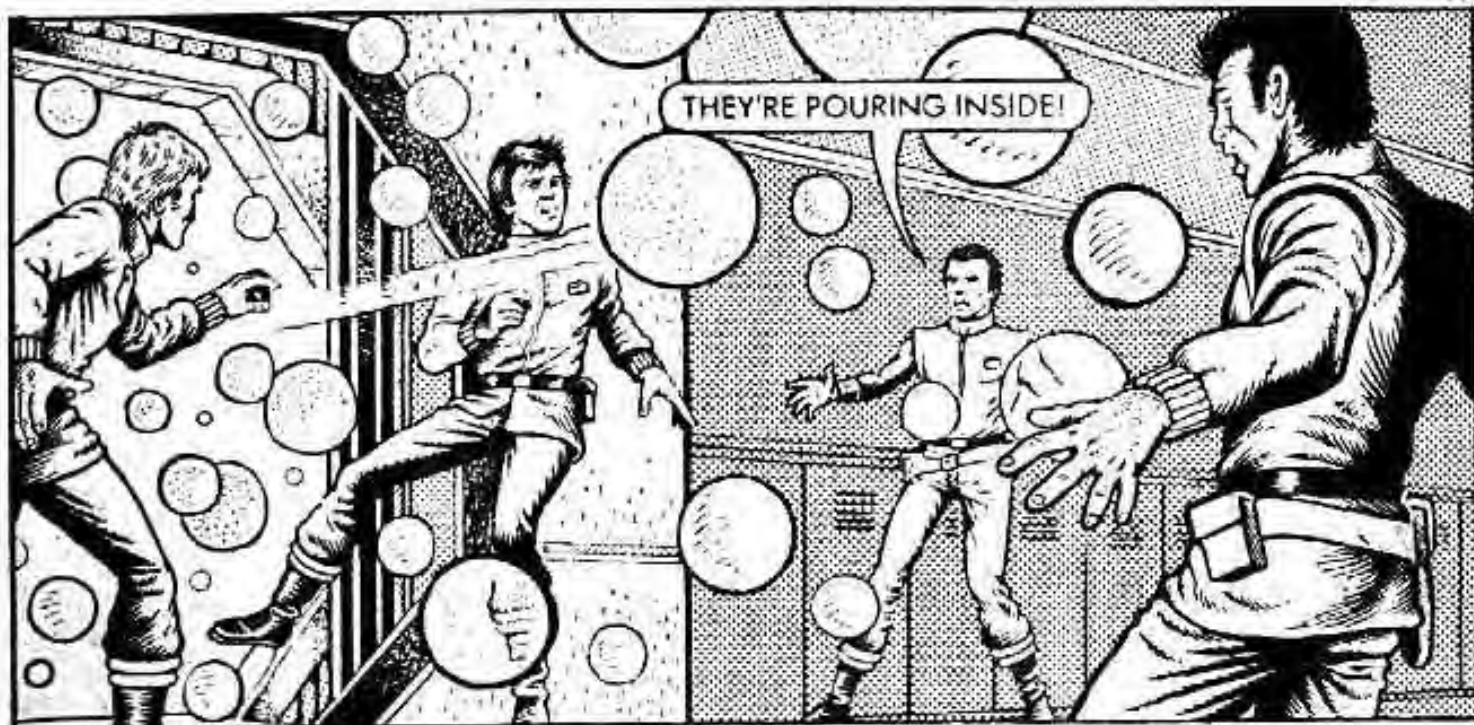
BUT IT WAS TOO LATE —

BUBBLES! HUNDREDS  
OF THEM!

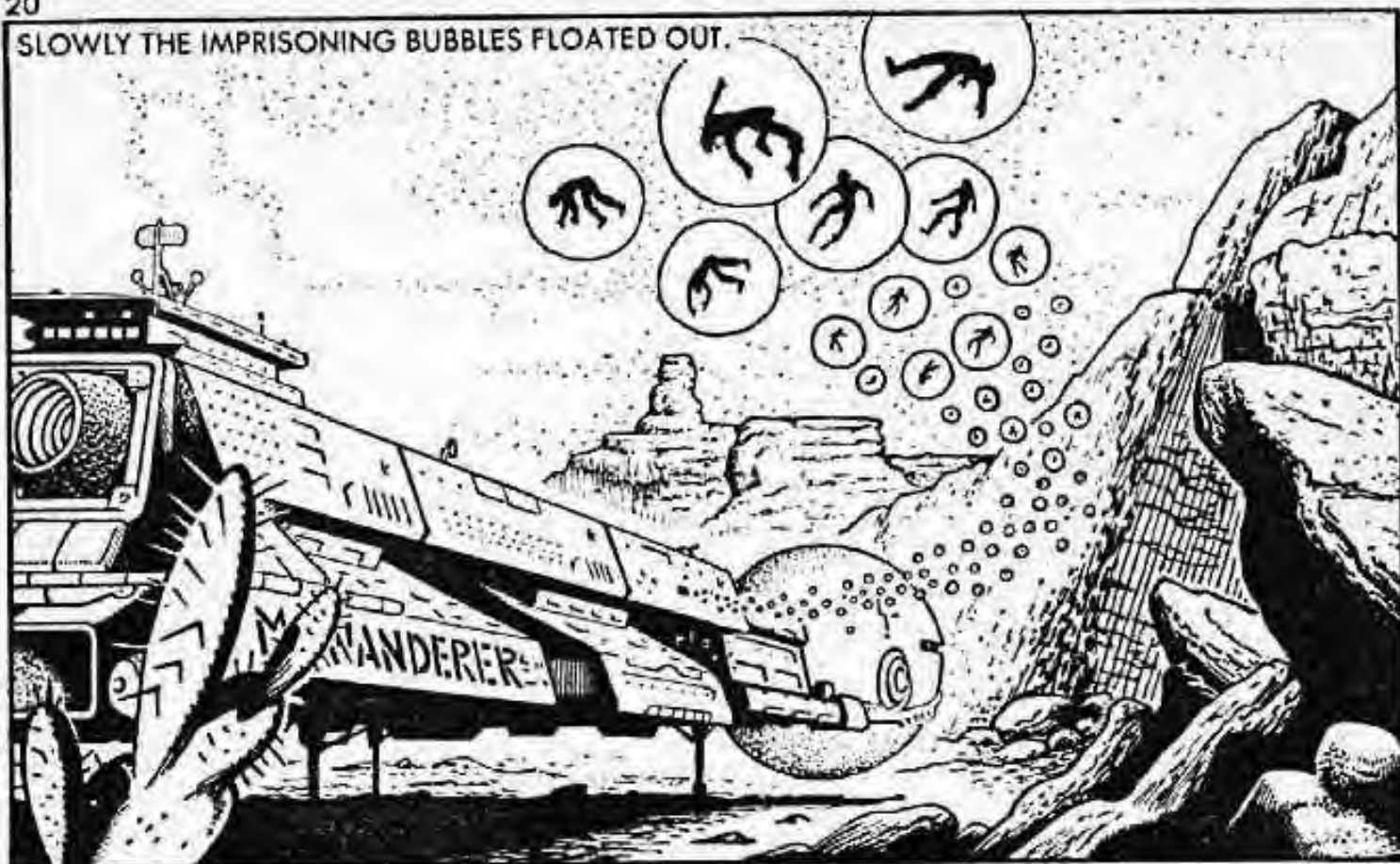
CLOSE THAT HATCH!

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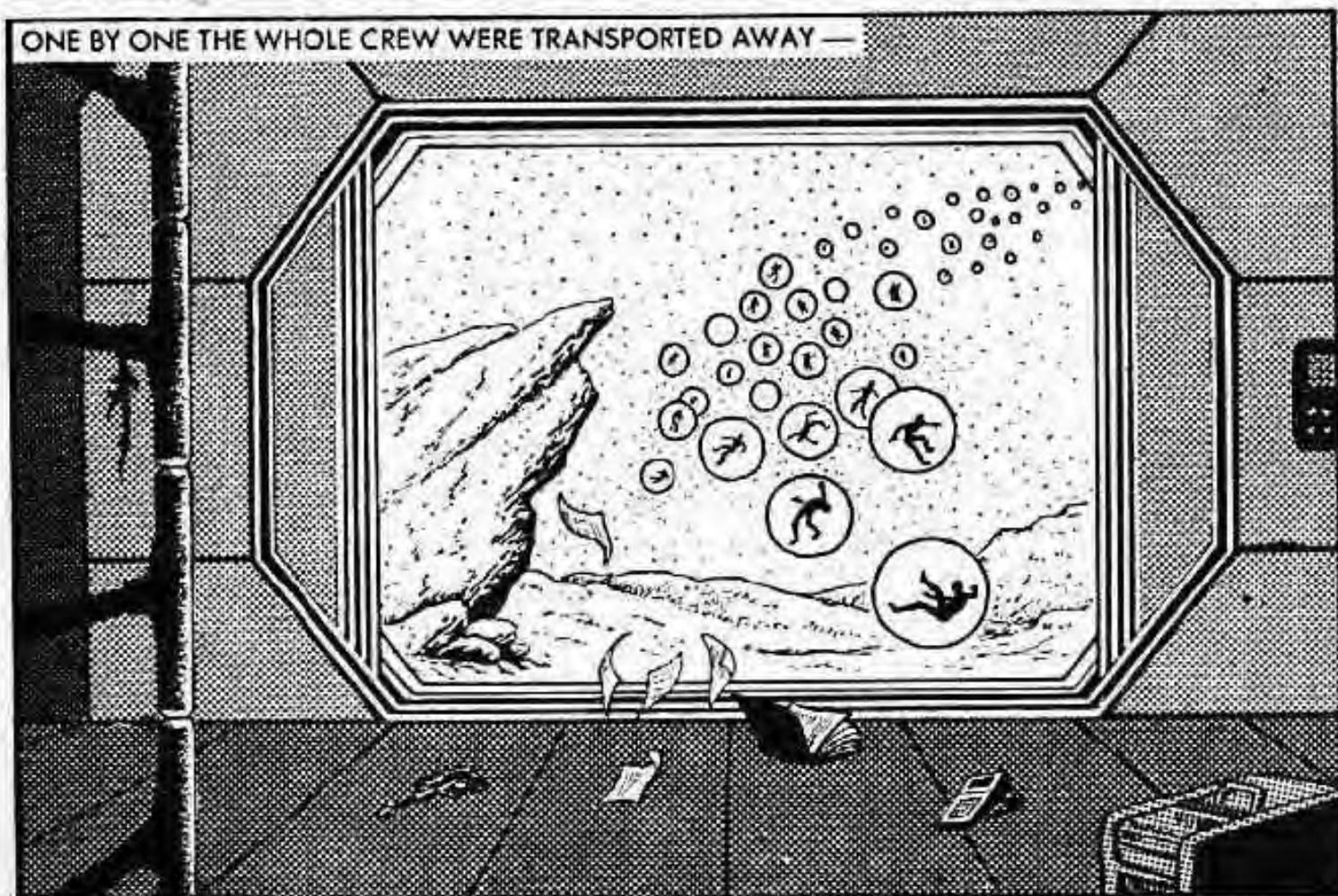




SLOWLY THE IMPRISONING BUBBLES FLOATED OUT.



ONE BY ONE THE WHOLE CREW WERE TRANSPORTED AWAY —





MEANWHILE, IN THE FOLIAGE —

THE SHIP WENT  
DOWN OVER THERE.

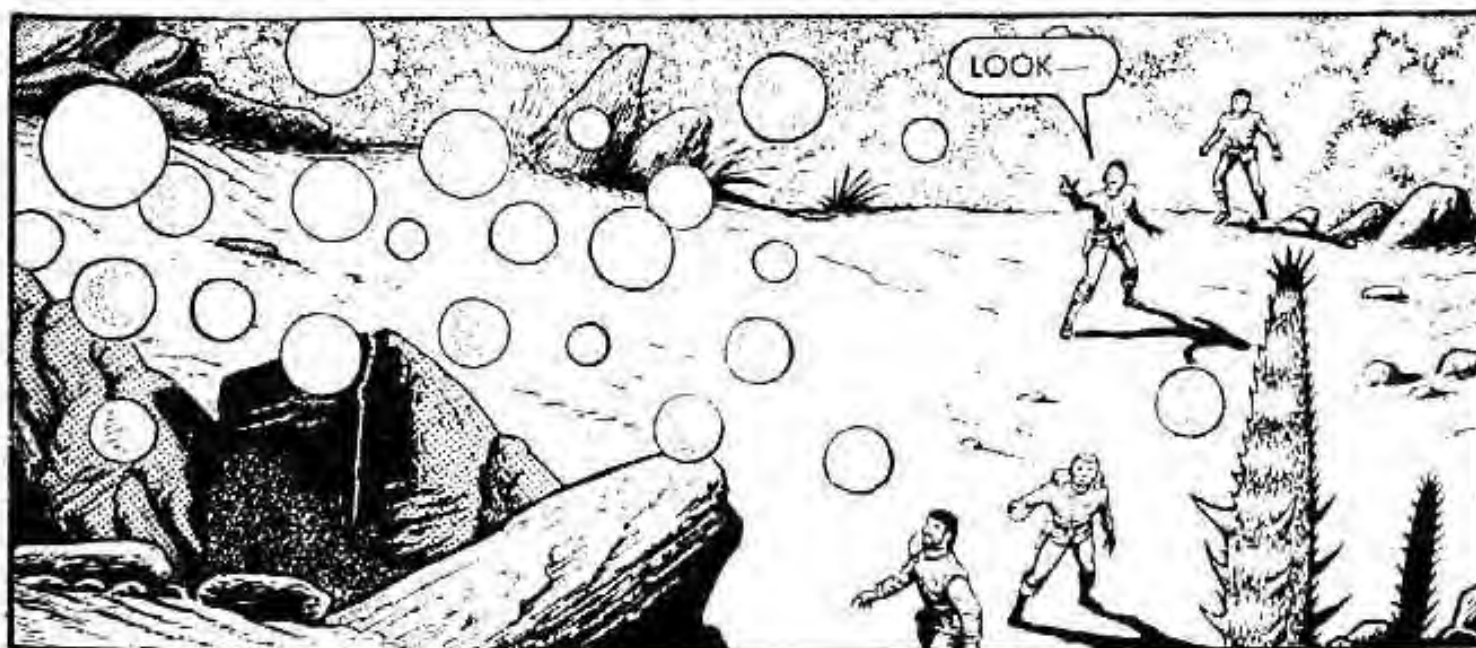


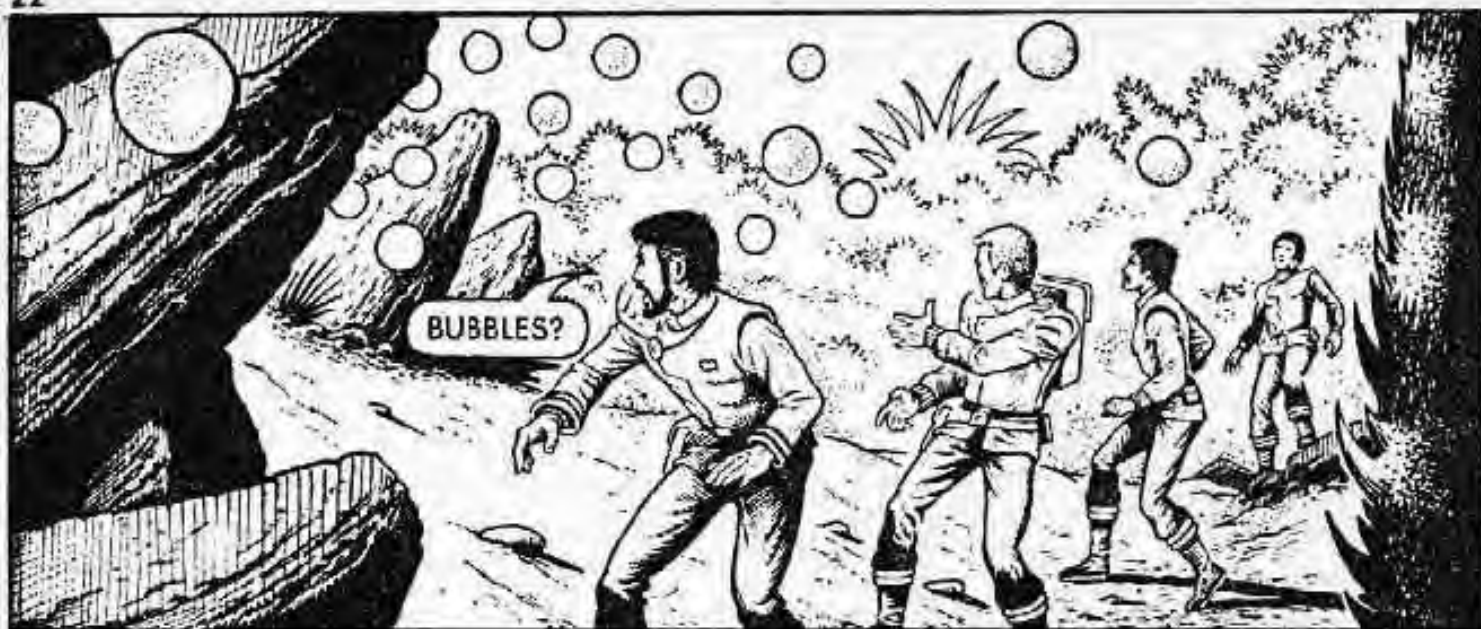
THAT FREIGHTER MUST HAVE BEEN  
SOME KIND OF TRAP.

YES, THAT HAD CROSSED MY  
MIND!

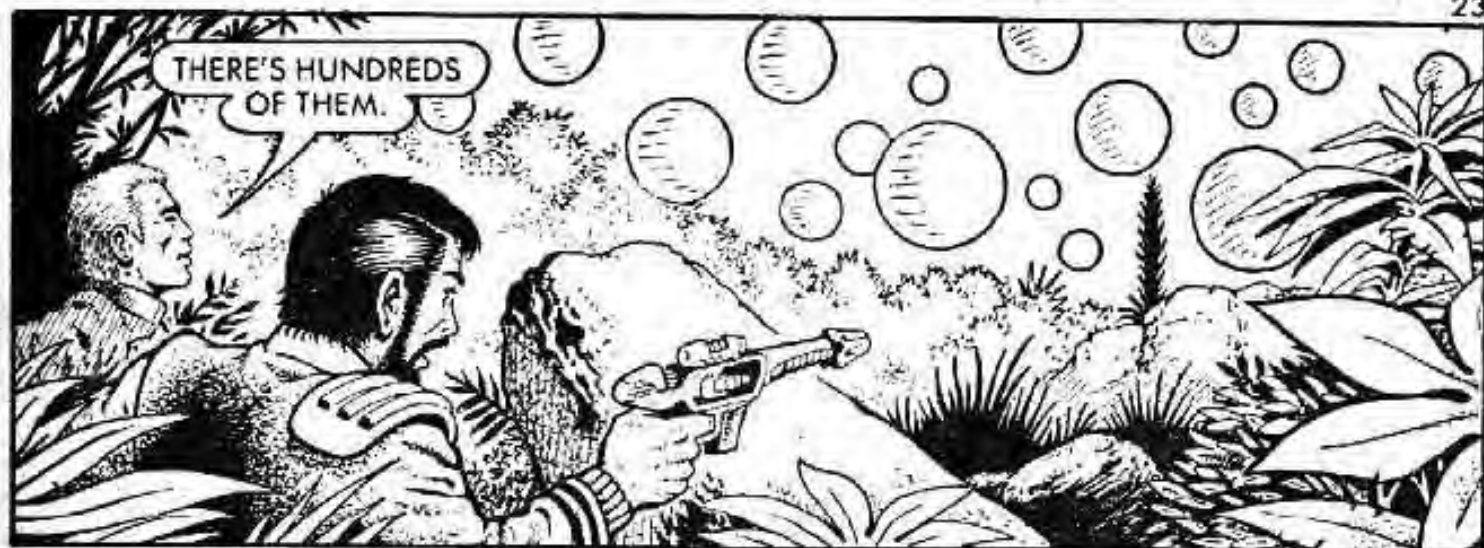


LOOK —





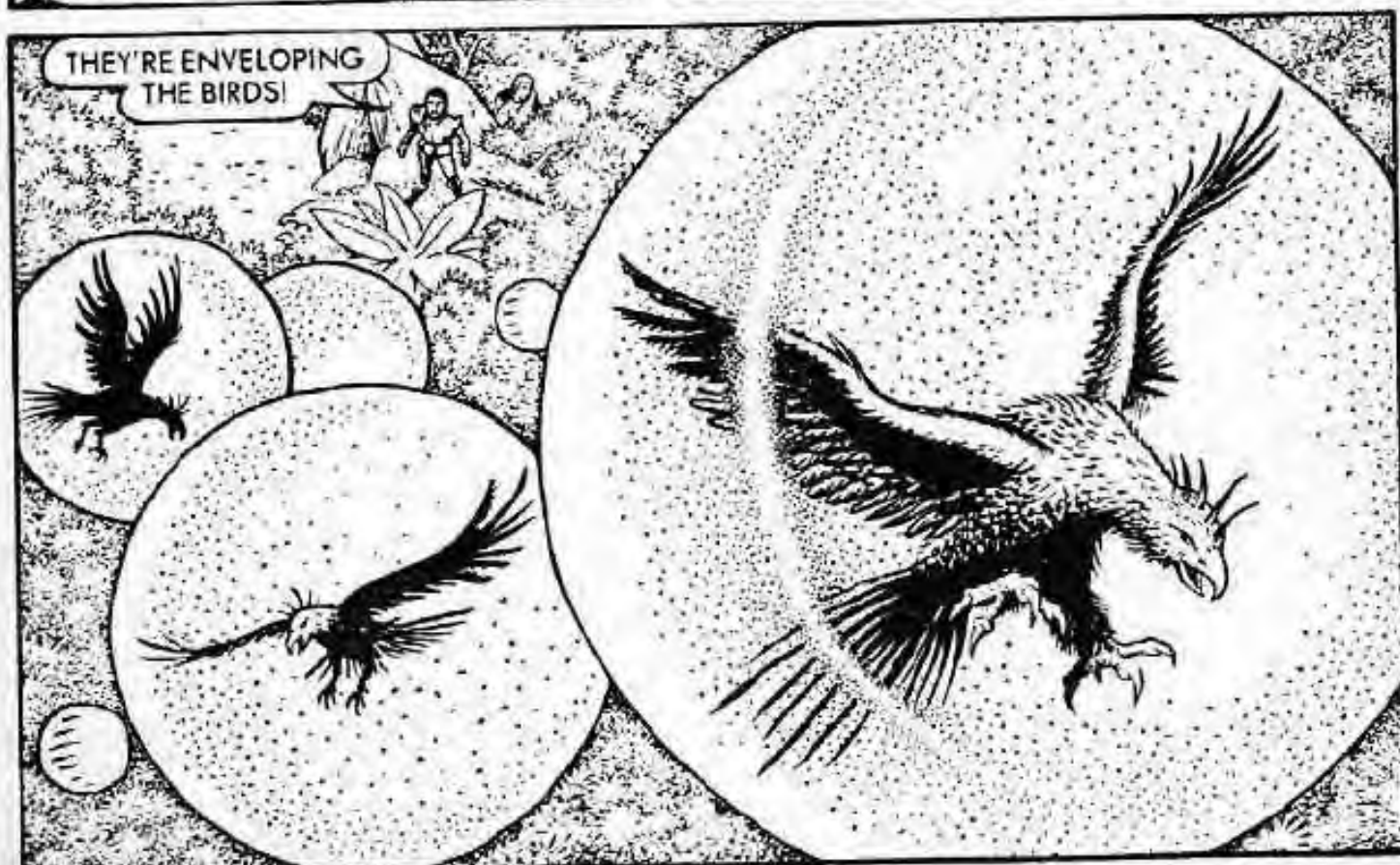




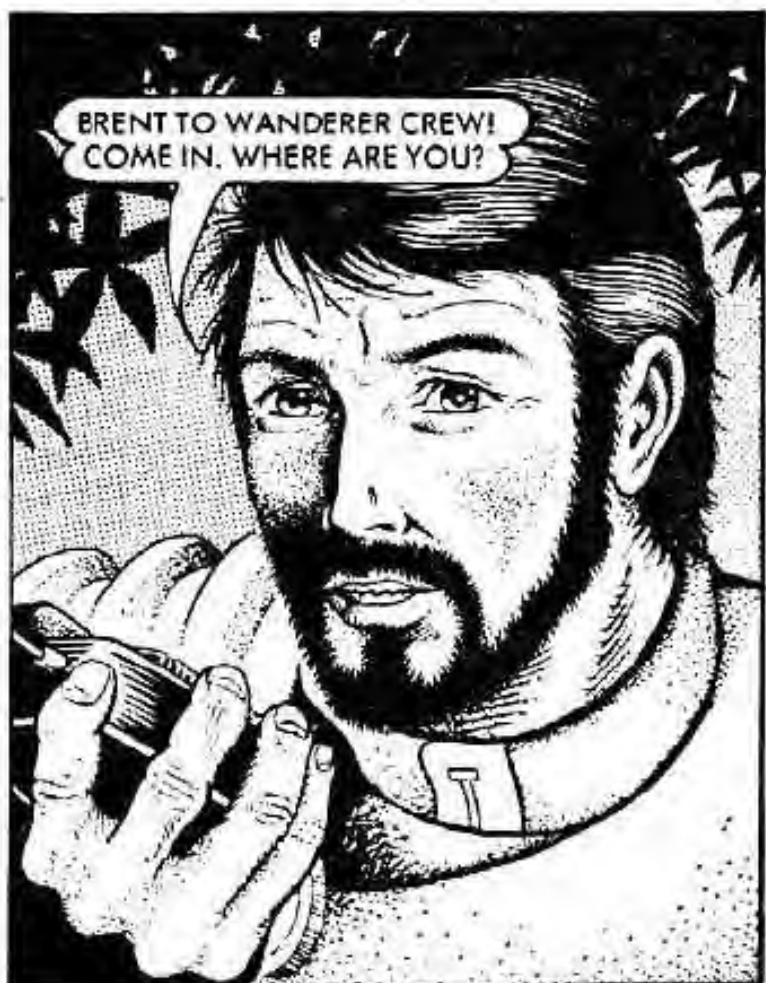
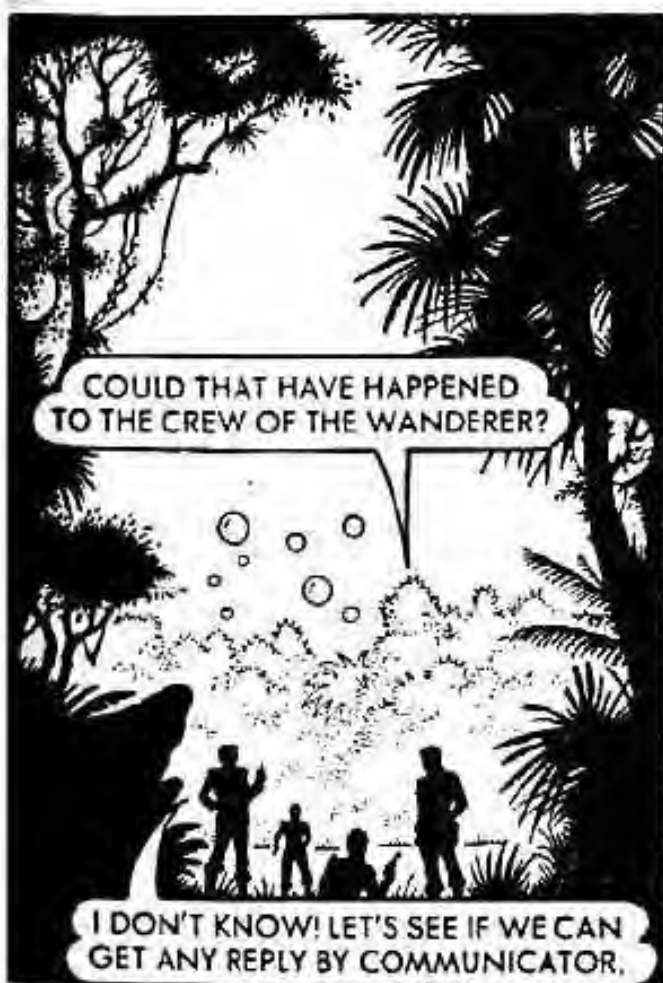










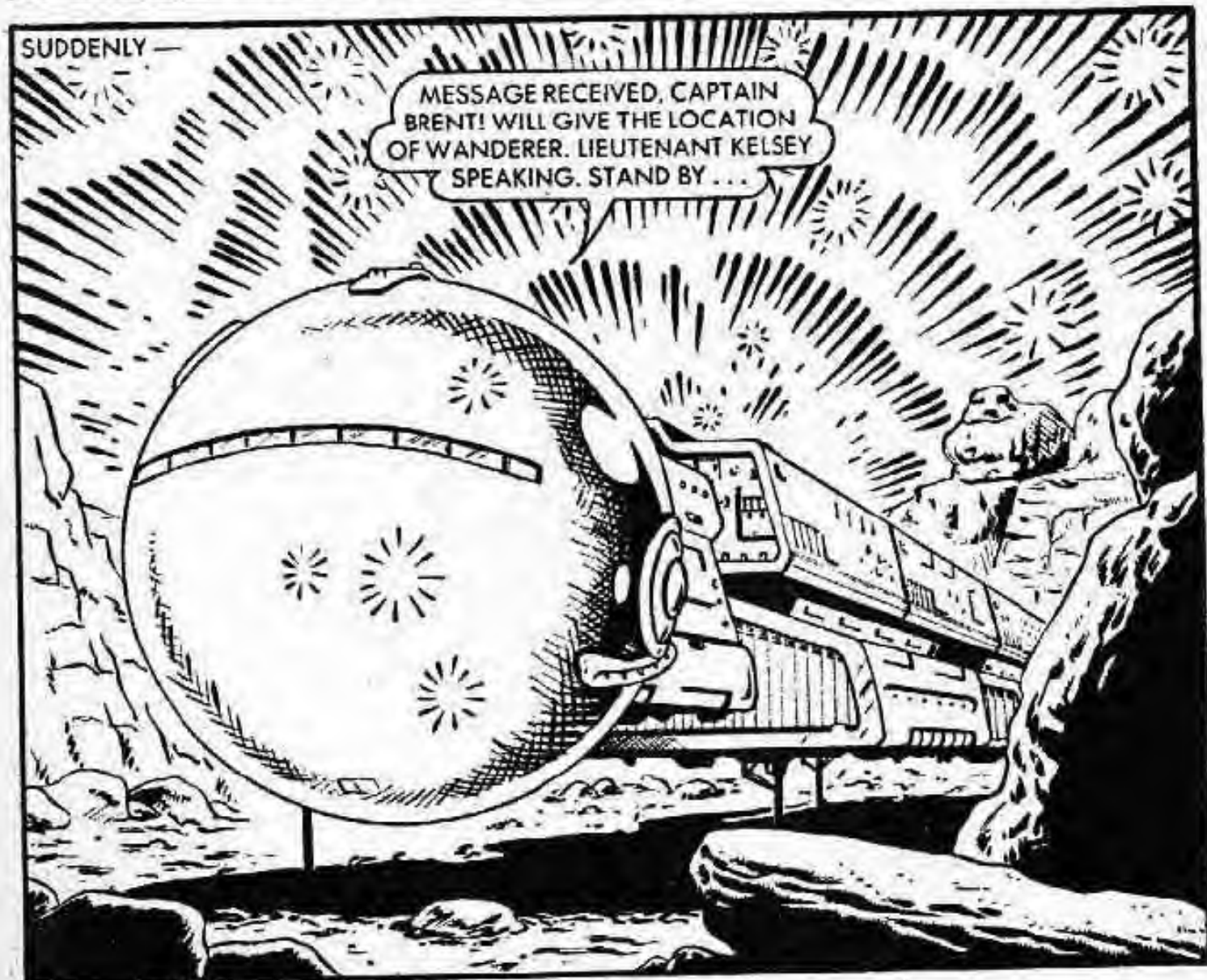


BUT THERE WAS NOBODY TO ANSWER —



SUDDENLY —

MESSAGE RECEIVED, CAPTAIN  
BRENT! WILL GIVE THE LOCATION  
OF WANDERER. LIEUTENANT KELSEY  
SPEAKING. STAND BY...





BRENT PICKED UP THE ANSWER —

CAPTAIN, THEY'RE ALL RIGHT!

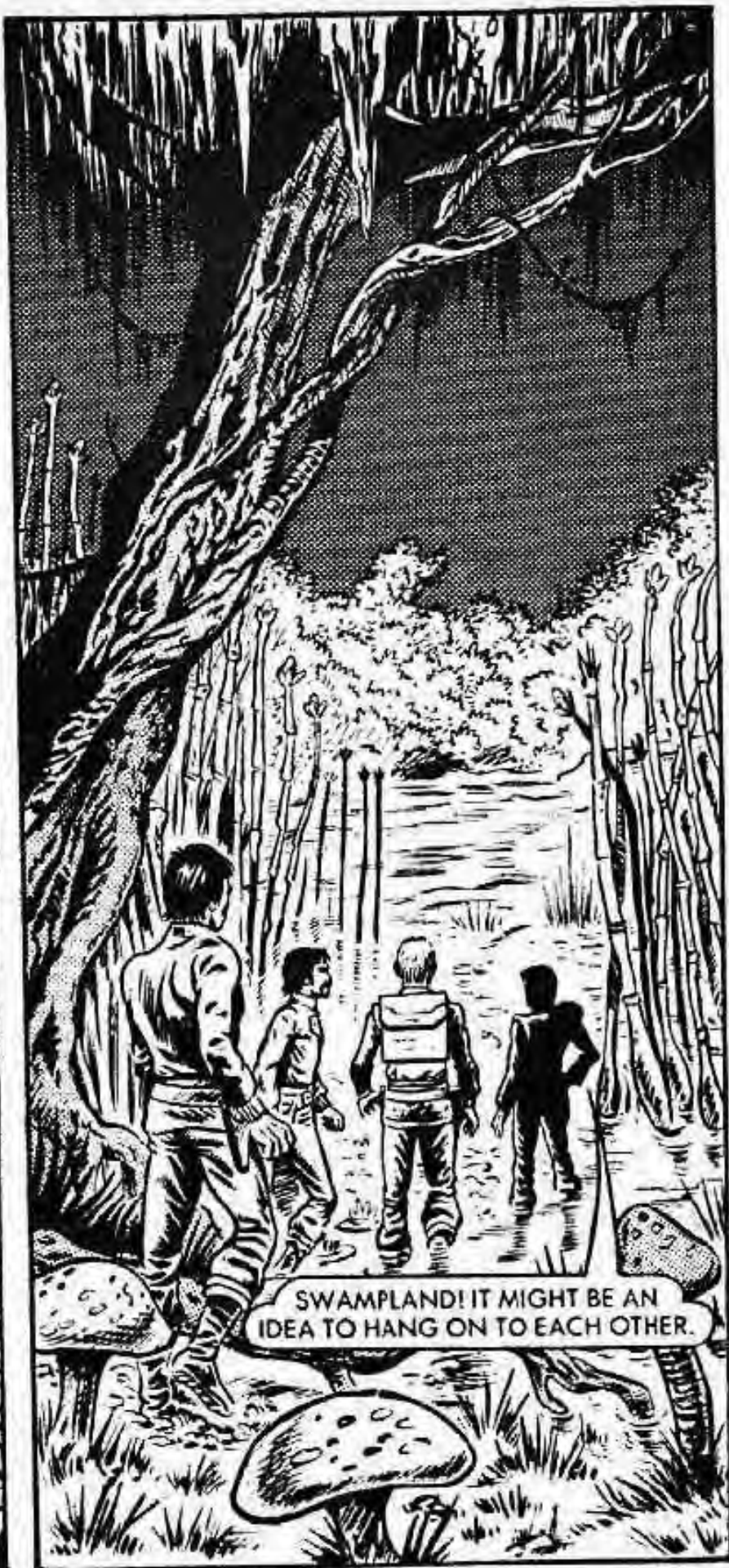
IT'S KELSEY'S VOICE — BUT HE NEVER CALLS ME CAPTAIN BRENT, ONLY CAPTAIN. LOOK AT THE TRAPPED BUBBLES!



WE WERE TOLD WHERE THE WANDERER IS. WE'RE STILL GOING TO REACH IT TO SEE WHAT HAS HAPPENED. BUT IN OUR OWN WAY. HERE'S HOW I FIGURE IT ...



DARKNESS FELL, AND AS THE TWIN  
MOONS ROSE...





BUT EVEN THAT PRECAUTION WASN'T ENOUGH —



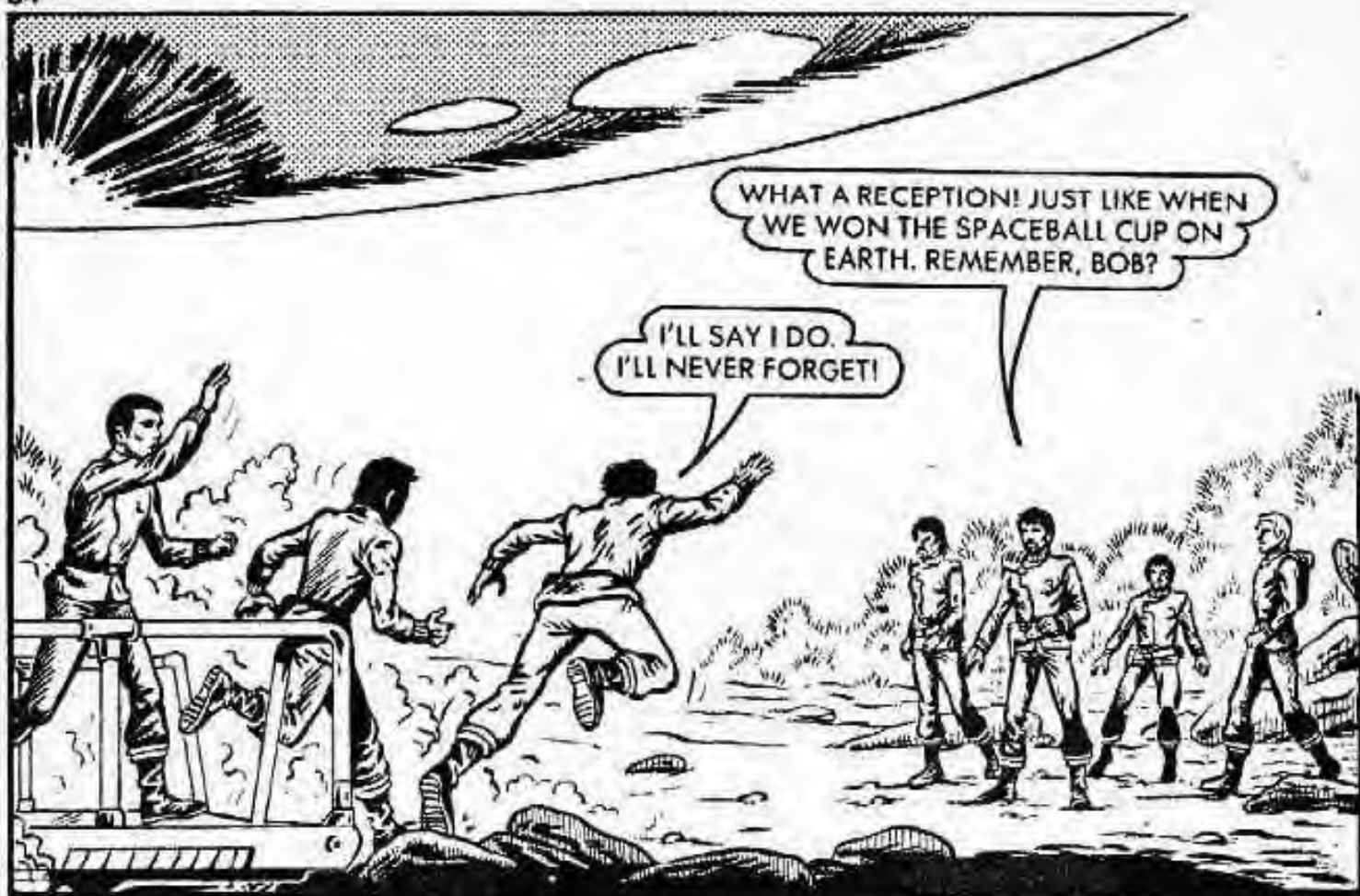


THEY APPROACHED CAUTIOUSLY —

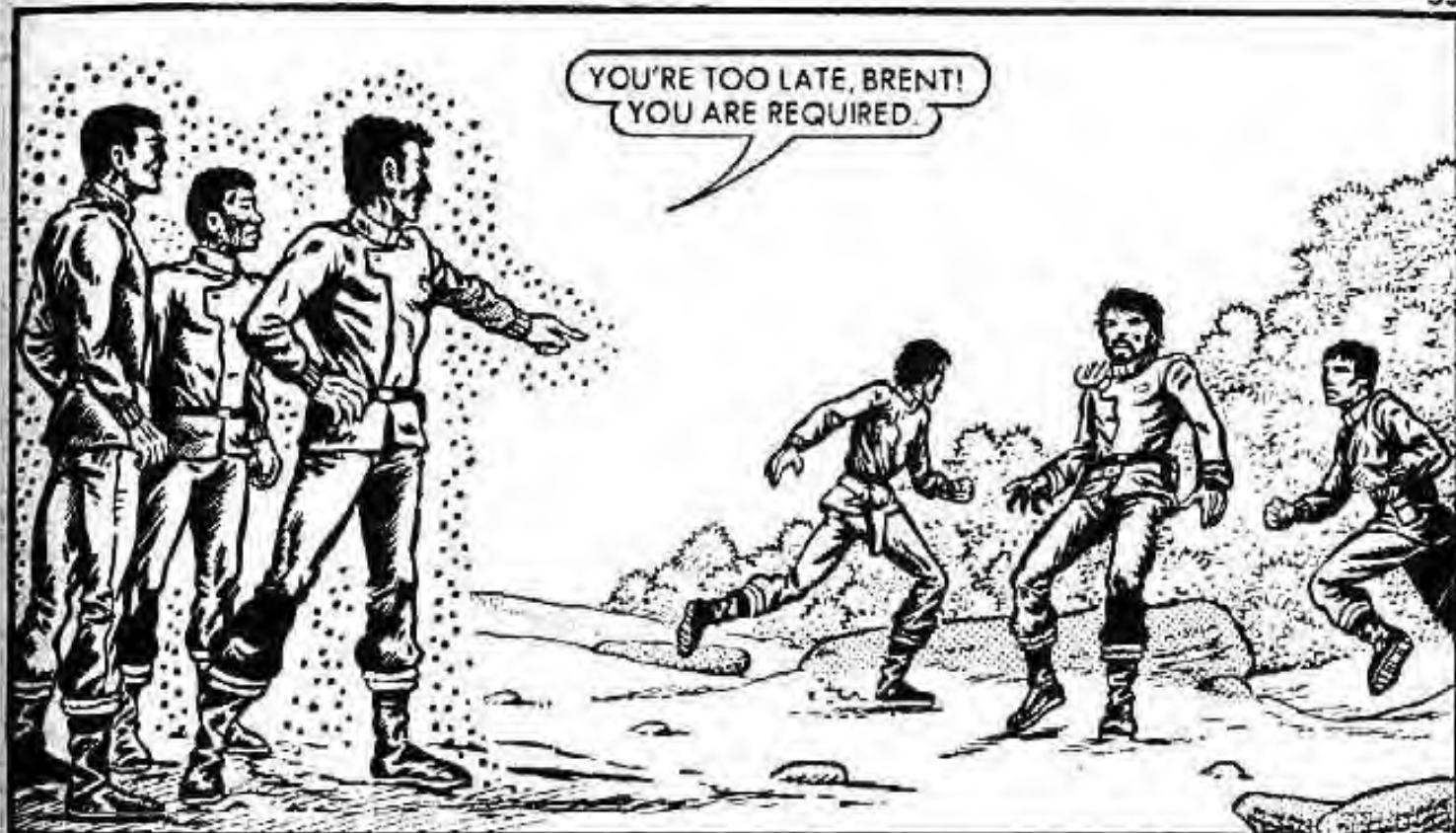


















SOMETHING'S HAPPENING! THE  
BUBBLE'S VIBRATING, CLOUDING OVER.

SUMMON MORE ENERGY!







WE CAN'T BREAK OUT!

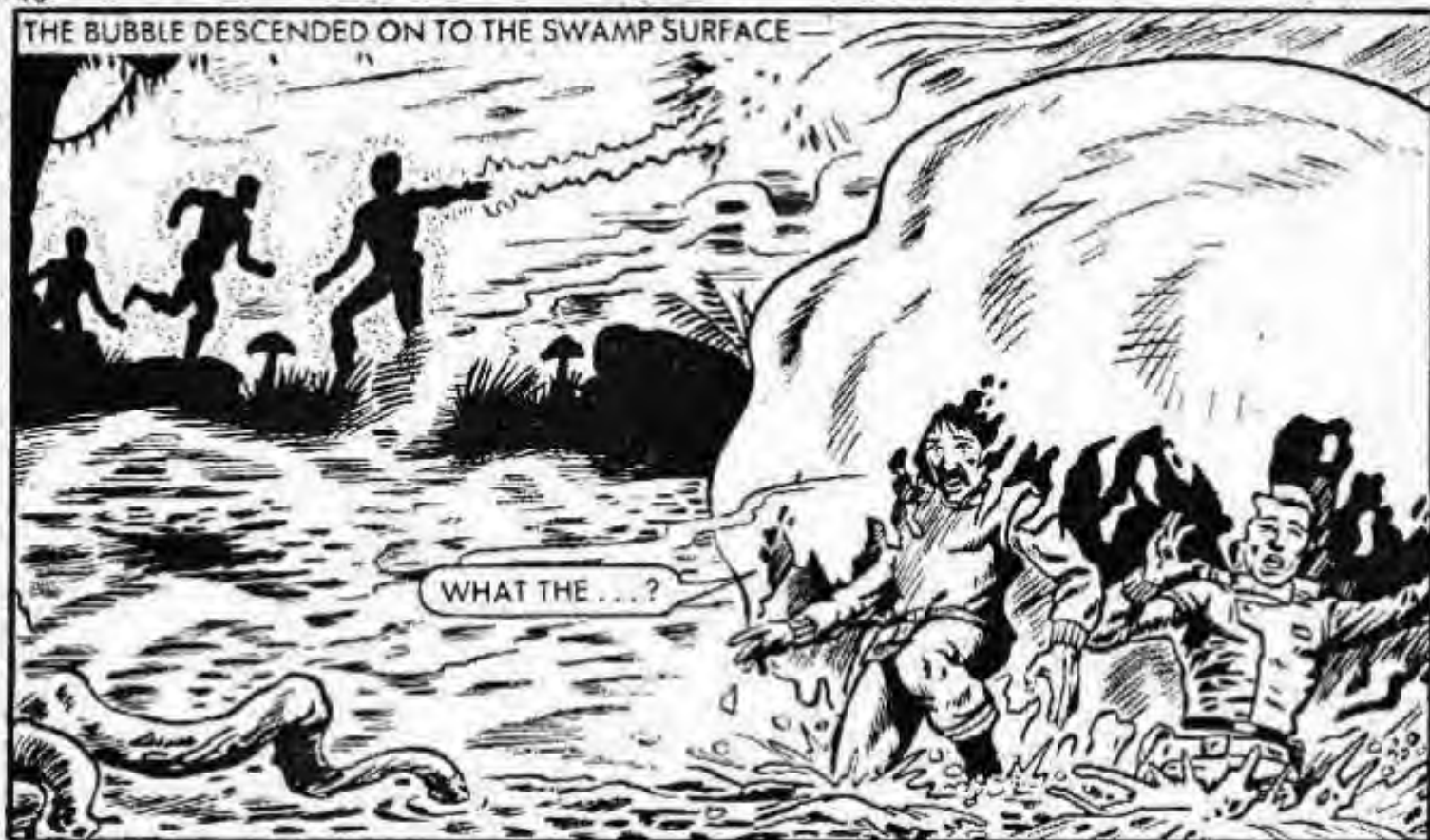
KEEP TRYING! DON'T  
USE THE LASERS.



THE SKIN FLINCHES AWAY FROM  
US ... LOOK AT THE BULGES.

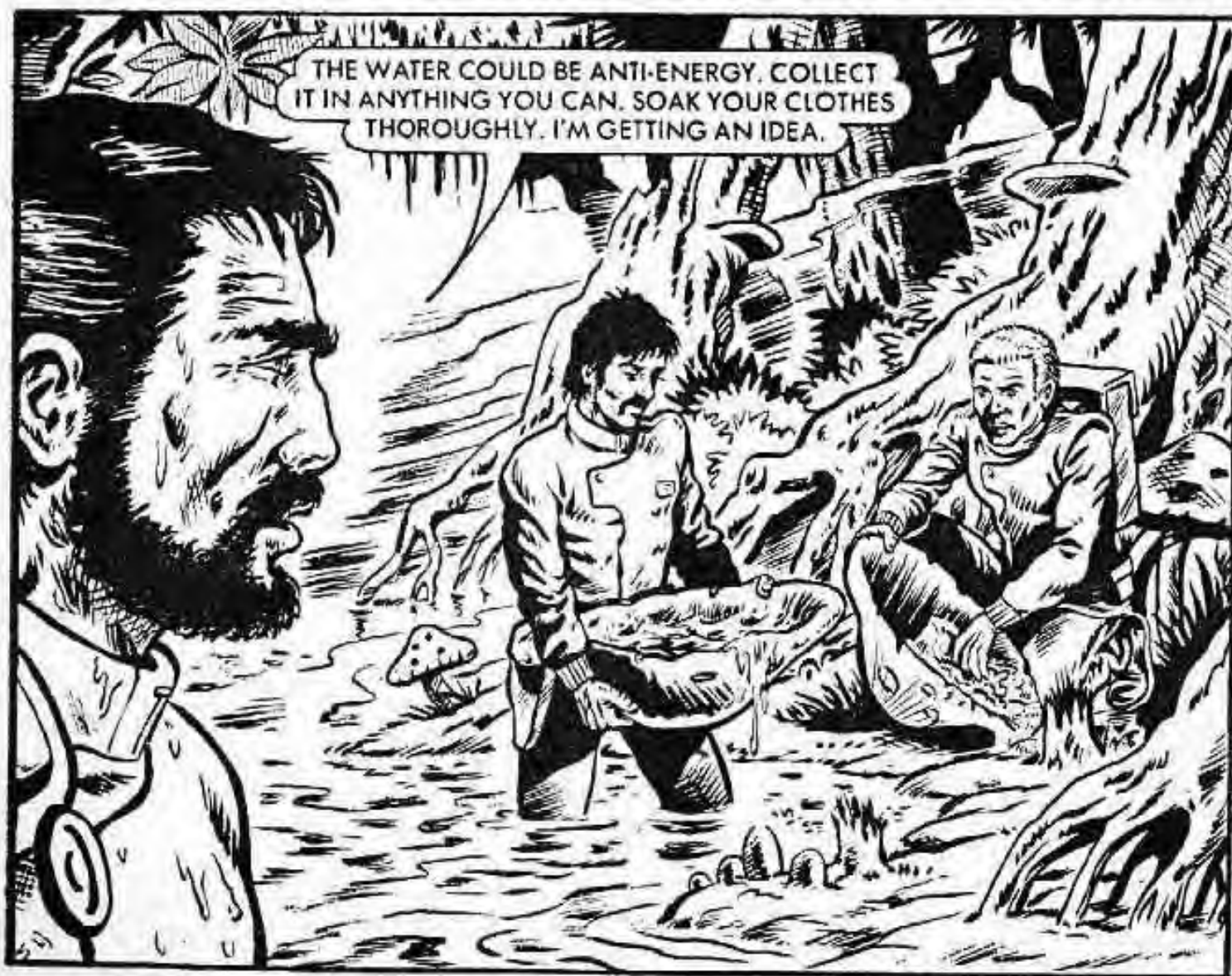
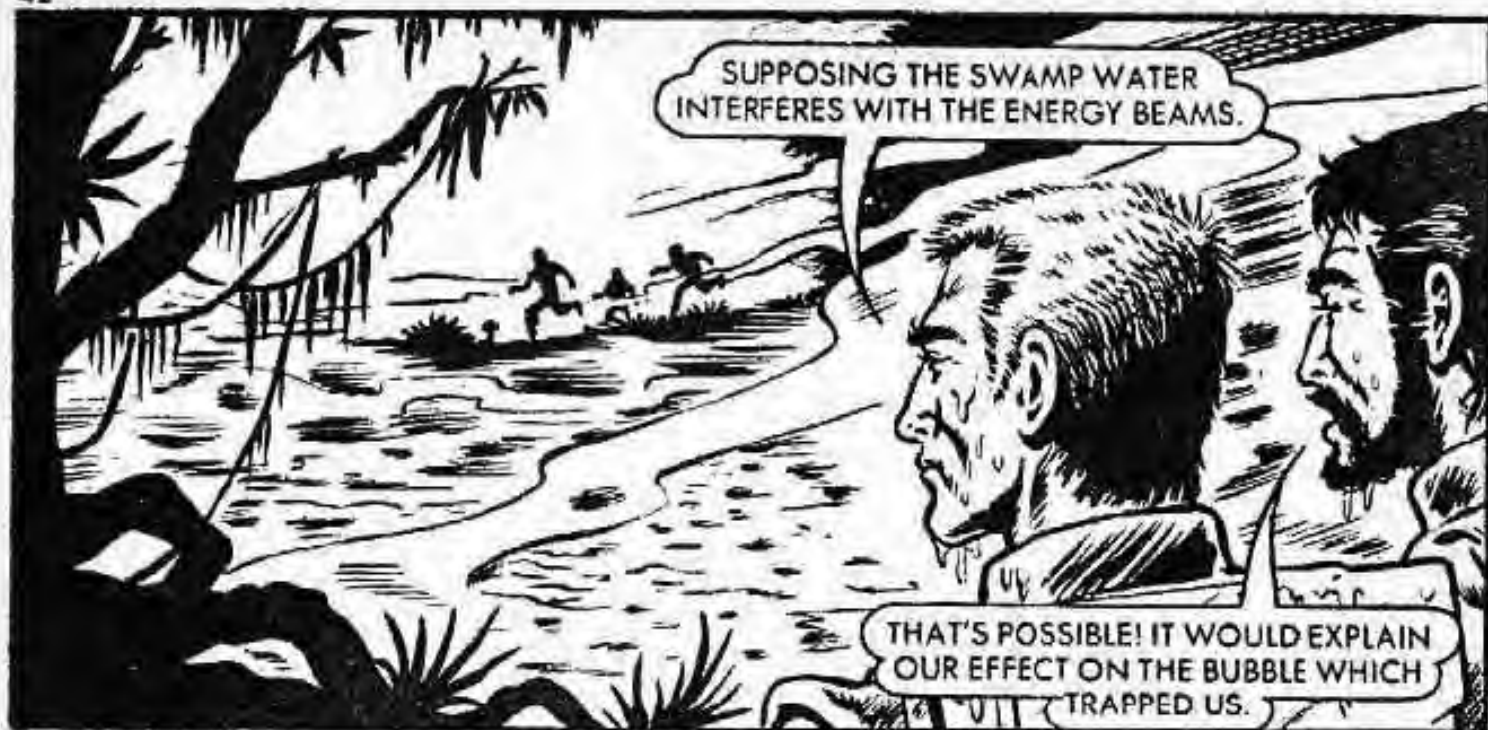
IT SEEMS  
SENSITIVE. WHY?

THE BUBBLE DESCENDED ON TO THE SWAMP SURFACE —











AS BRENT AND HIS MEN COLLECTED WATER —

CAPTAIN! A SHUTTLECRAFT!

IT MUST HAVE COME FROM SOME  
OTHER EARLIER SPACESHIP.



REPAIRS WERE CARRIED OUT.

POWER UNIT SERVICEABLE, AT ABOUT 30%.

GOOD MAN! NEXT WE SEE TO OUR DEFENCES. I WANT HIGH-EFFICIENCY PUMPS WHICH ARE EASY TO CARRY.

IT WAS LABORIOUS WORK, BUT AT LAST —

THAT'S THE LOT!

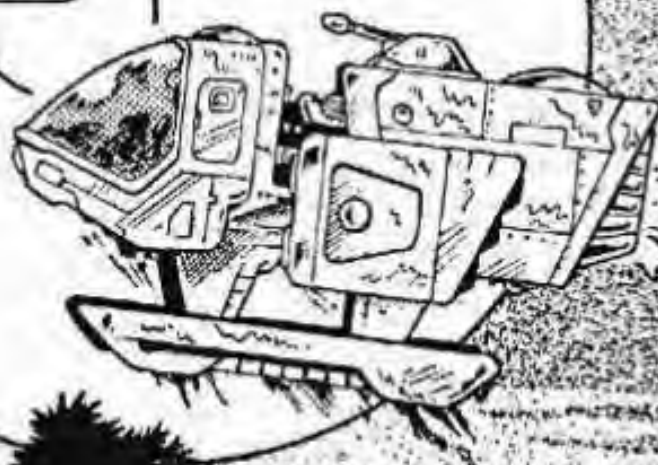
FILL EACH TANK WITH SWAMP WATER. WE HAVE TO TAKE A RISK. THIS IS MY PLAN —



DARKNESS FELL —

POWER ON! SHE'S ROLLING!

WE MAKE FOR WHERE  
THE WANDERER IS.



NO SIGNS OF LIFE WITHIN. THE SHUTTLE'S ' PROBE '  
WOULD DETECT IT. CAREFUL! DON'T MOVE IN TOO  
FAST.



BRENT AND TALA DROPPED INTO AN OPEN AIRLOCK TO INVESTIGATE, AND —



RIGHT, WE HAVE CONTROL OF THE WANDERER. WE CAN MAKE IT A FORTRESS.

I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING. IT'S GOING TOO SMOOTHLY TO BE TRUE.





ON A NEARBY HILL —

THEY'RE INSIDE. I THINK I KNOW  
HOW CAPTAIN BRENT'S MIND WORKS.

WE MAKE OUR MOVE  
WHEN DARKNESS LIFTS.

BACK IN WANDERER —

WELL, WHAT NEXT?

SOMEWHERE ON THOSE SLOPES IS THE ALIEN  
POWER SOURCE AND WHATEVER NOW  
CONTROLS MY CREW. WE HAVE TO FIND  
OUT WHAT'S GOING ON.

AS DAWN BROKE —



IT'S THE POWER SOURCE. CHECK ALL BULKHEADS  
AND RAISE OUR PROTECTIVE SCREENS.

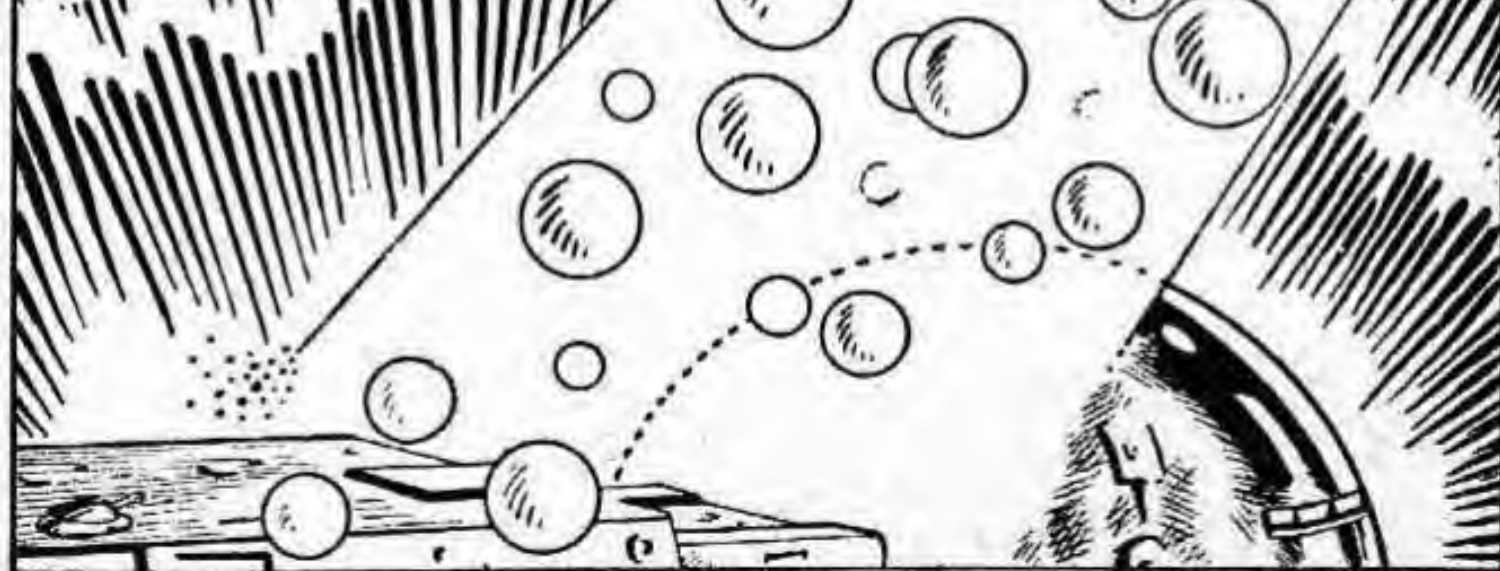
WHILE THE SHIP'S SEALED WE'RE SAFE.  
WE CAN ONLY LEAVE DURING DARKNESS.



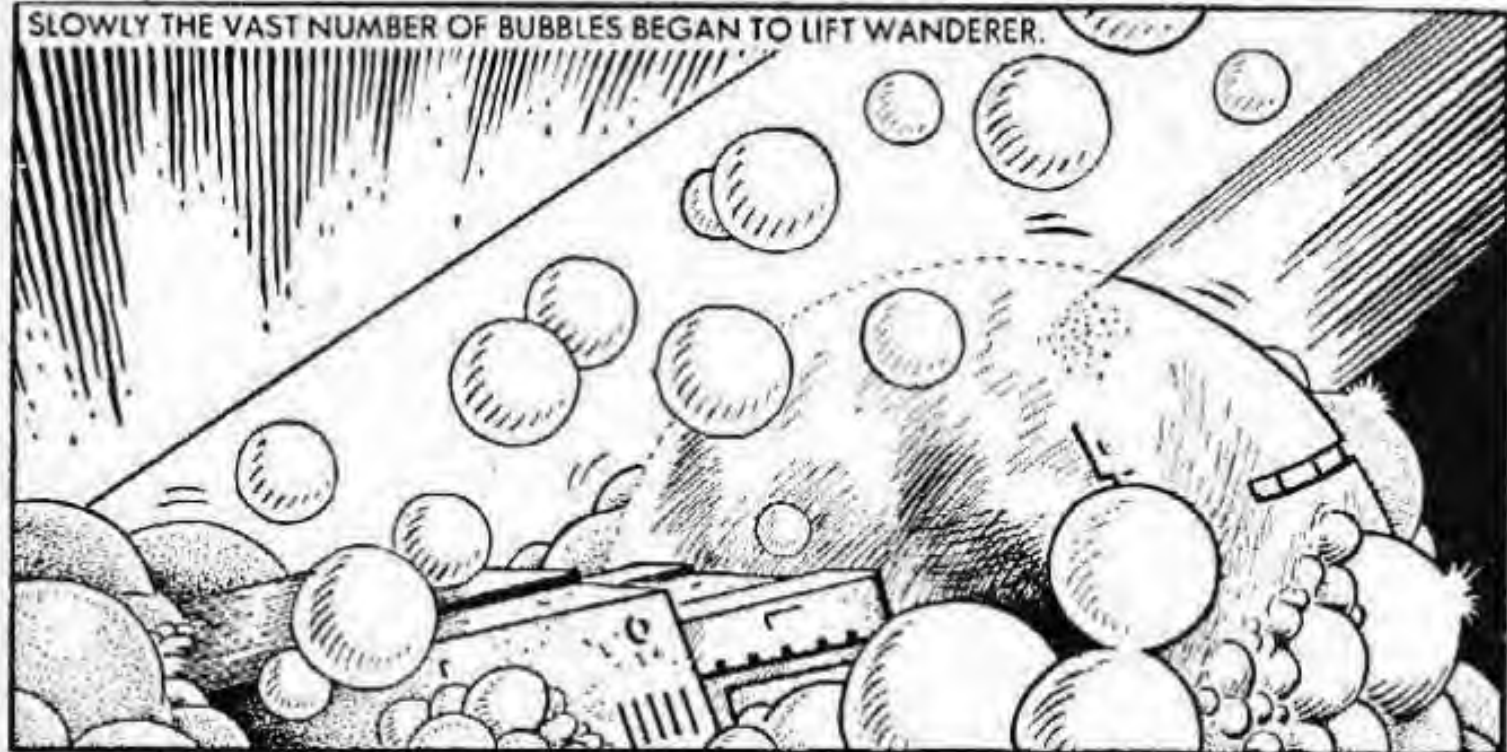




THE BUBBLES MASSSED ON THE HULL —



SLOWLY THE VAST NUMBER OF BUBBLES BEGAN TO LIFT WANDERER.



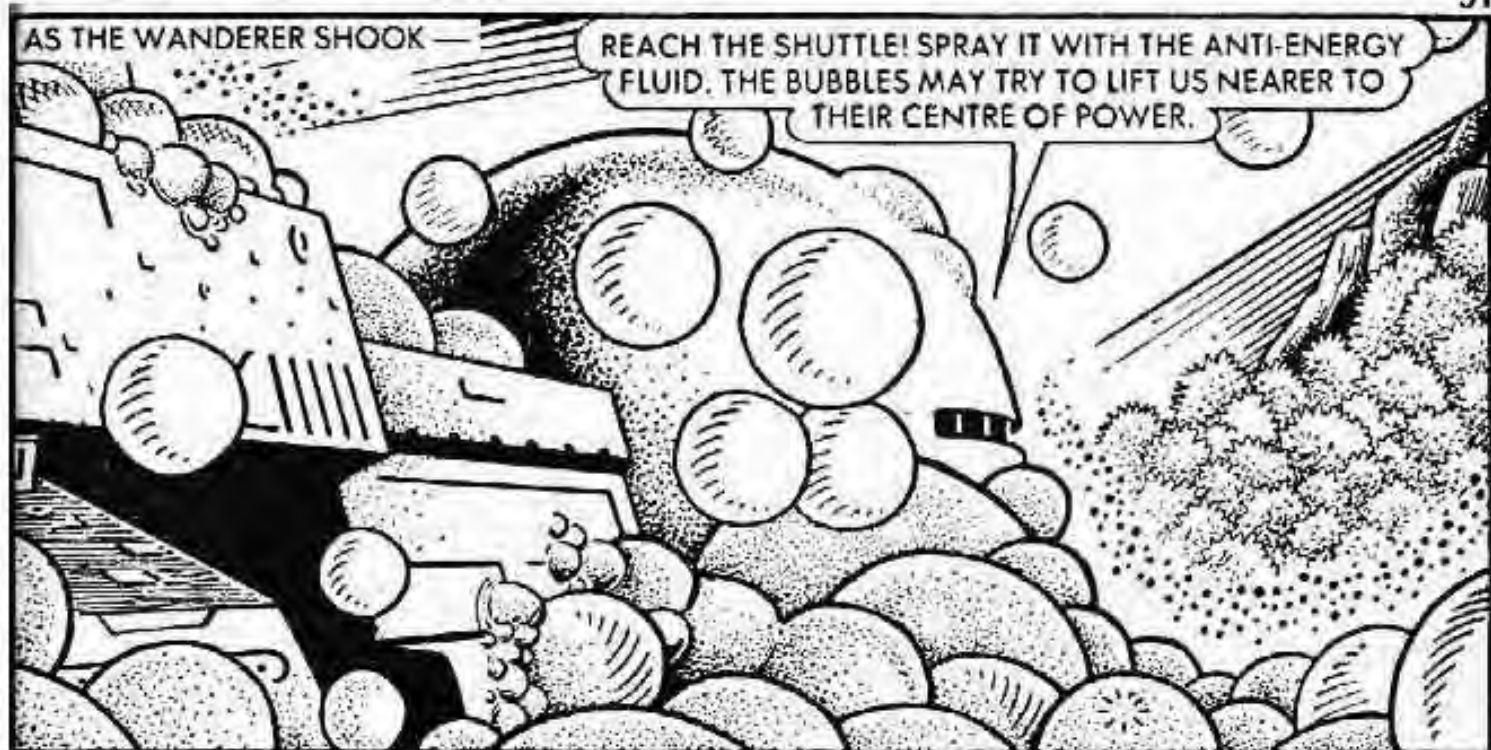
THE WANDERER'S MOVING. WE'RE BEING LIFTED BY THE BUBBLES! PRESSURE ON THE HATCHES HAS INCREASED.



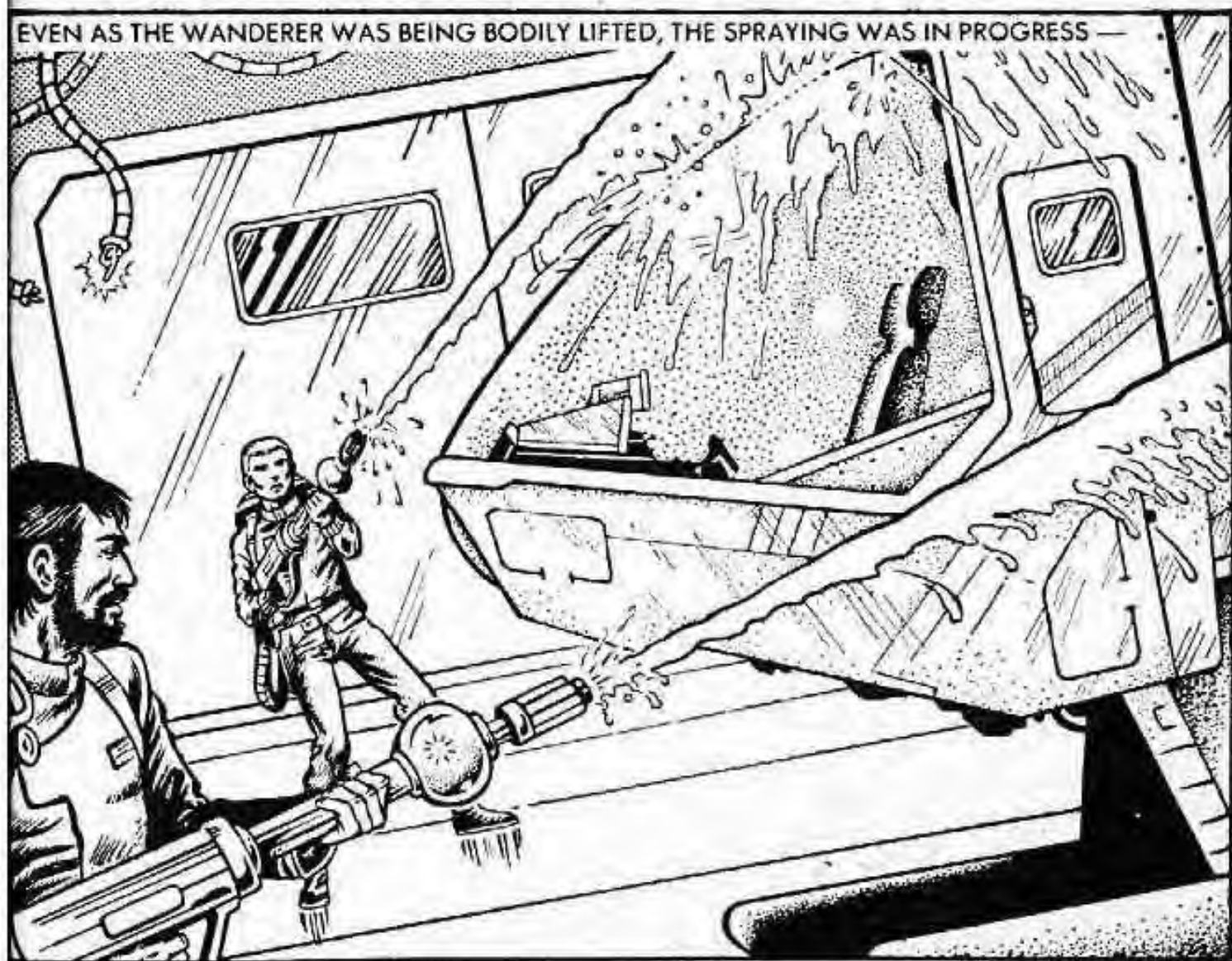


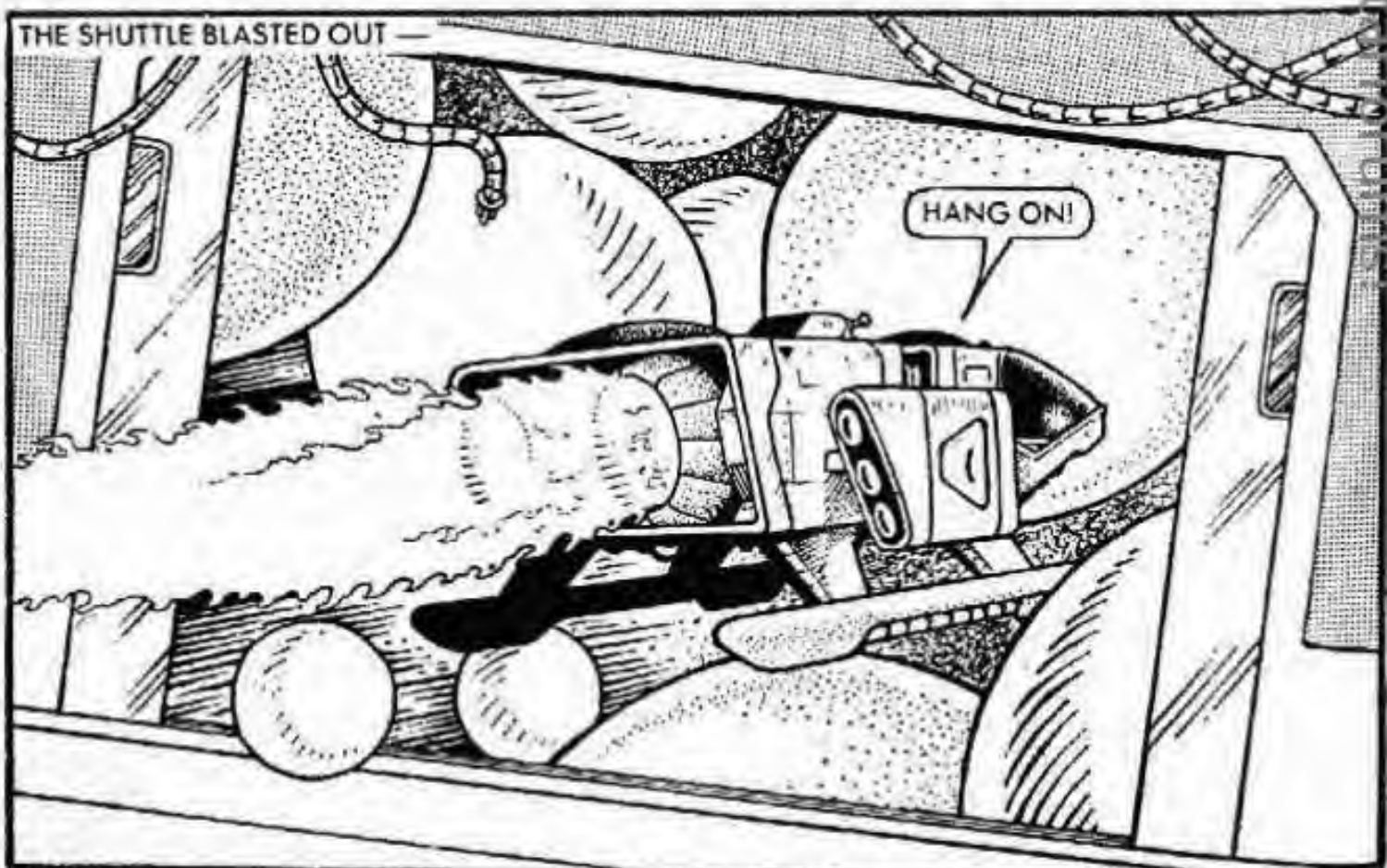
AS THE WANDERER SHOOK —

REACH THE SHUTTLE! SPRAY IT WITH THE ANTI-ENERGY FLUID. THE BUBBLES MAY TRY TO LIFT US NEARER TO THEIR CENTRE OF POWER.



EVEN AS THE WANDERER WAS BEING BODILY LIFTED, THE SPRAYING WAS IN PROGRESS —







THE BUBBLES ARE BURSTING!

IT MUST BE ANTI-ENERGY IN THE SWAMP WATER.

BRENT STEERED FOR COVER IN THE DENSE FOREST —

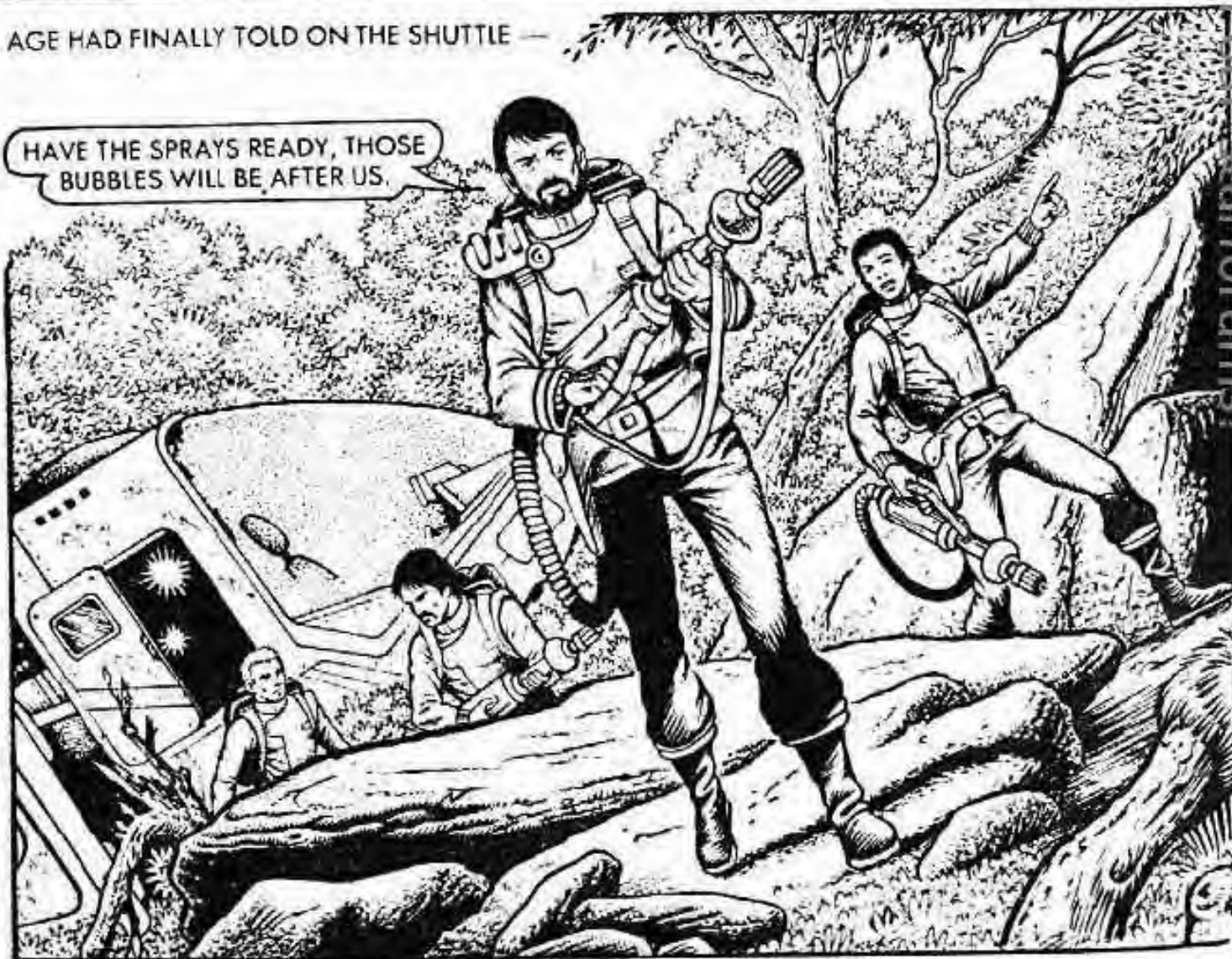
I CAN'T HOLD IT! THE STEERING'S GONE CRAZY ...

THE SHUTTLE CRASHED —



AGE HAD FINALLY TOLD ON THE SHUTTLE —

HAVE THE SPRAYS READY, THOSE  
BUBBLES WILL BE AFTER US.





BUBBLES CONVERGED ON THEM —

OPEN UP — FIRE!

DON'T WASTE A DROP.

THEY'RE BURSTING!  
THE FLUID DESTROYS THEM.

THE LAST ORB FINALLY DISSOLVED.



A FIGURE HAD BEEN FOLLOWING THE BUBBLES —



BRENT MOVED LIKE LIGHTNING ...





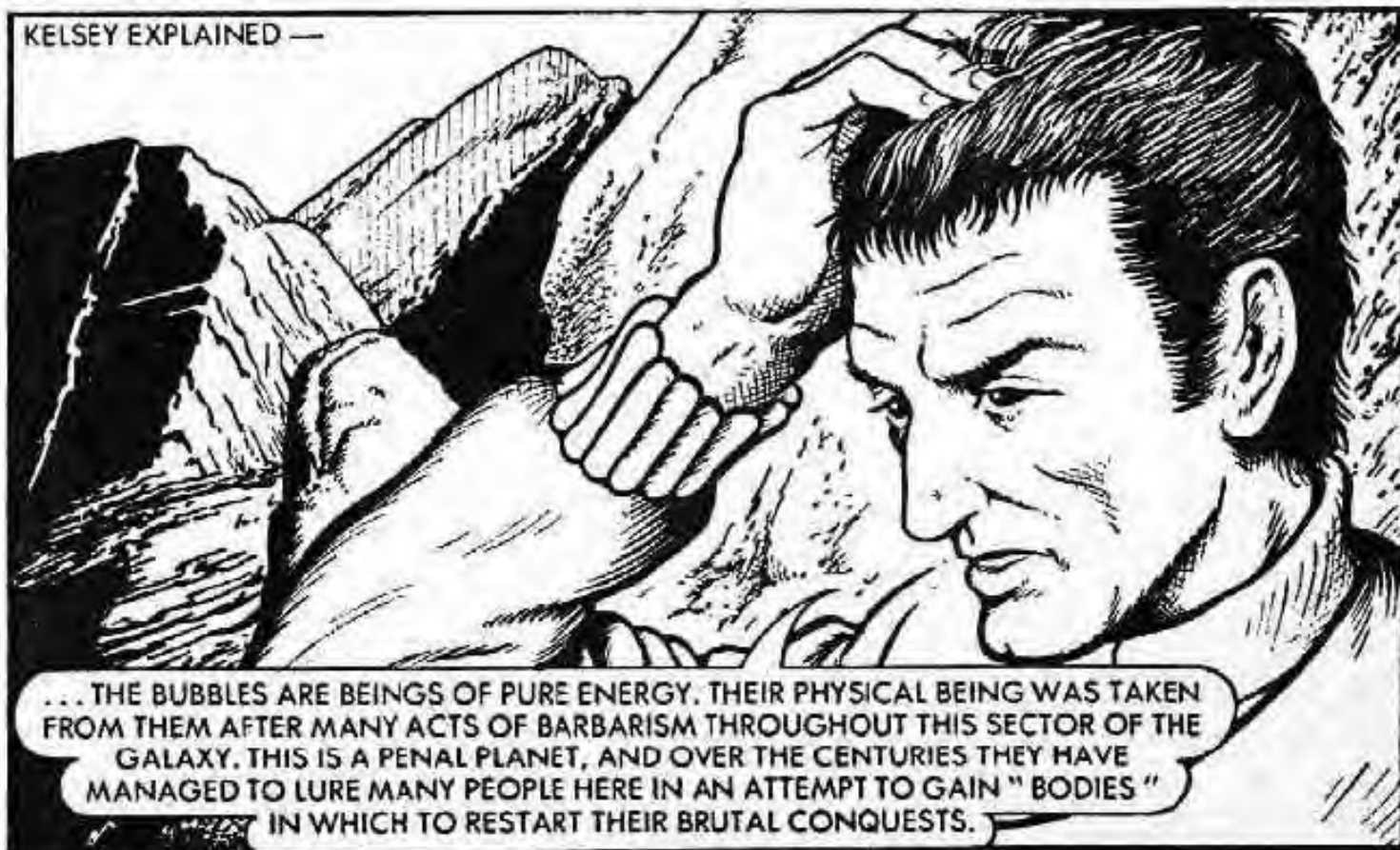
THE RESULT OF BRENT'S ATTACK WAS STARTLING —

WHAT — WHAT'S  
HAPPENED? CAPTAIN?

THE AURA'S GONE  
FROM AROUND HIM.

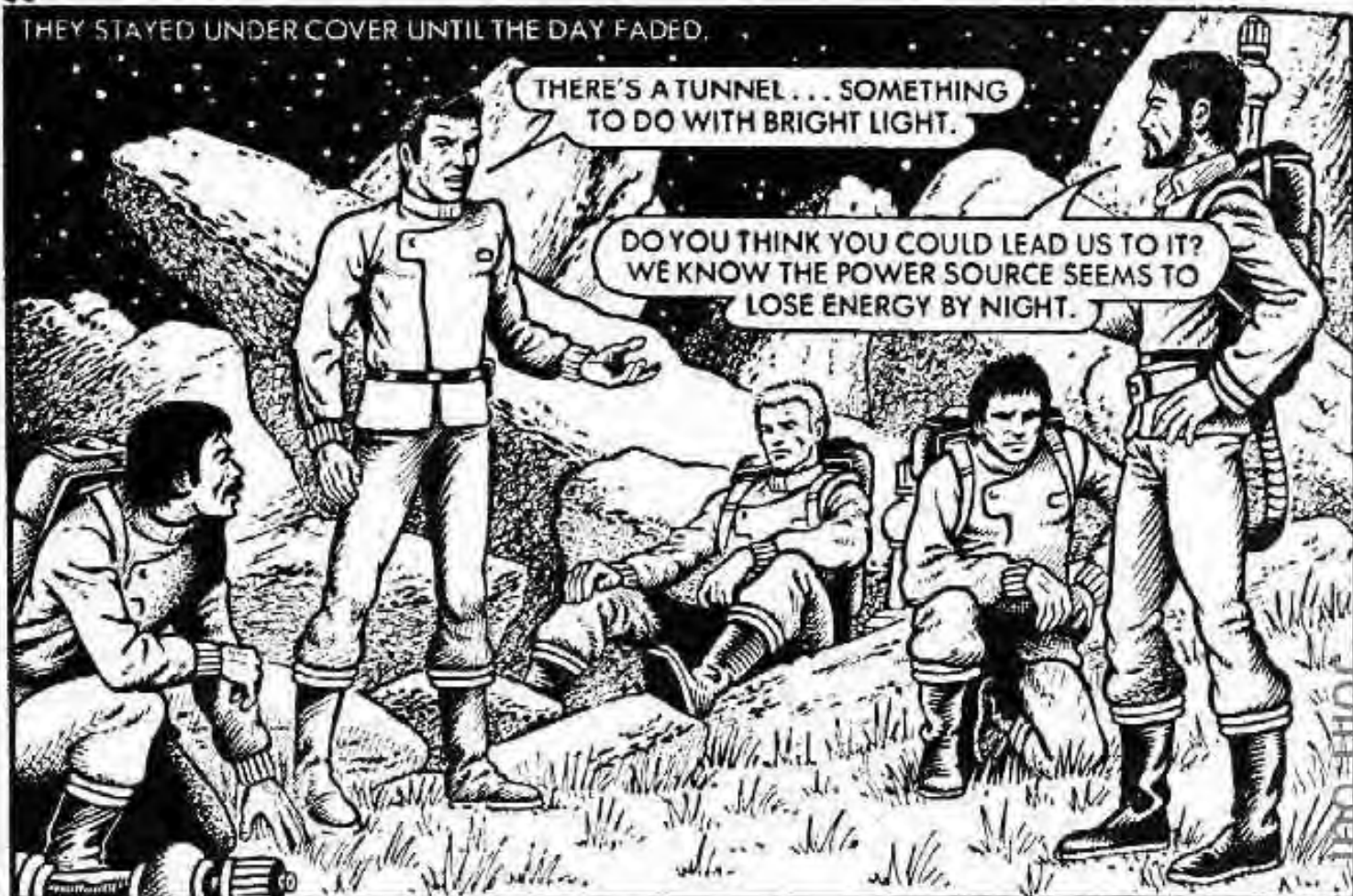


KELSEY EXPLAINED —



... THE BUBBLES ARE BEINGS OF PURE ENERGY. THEIR PHYSICAL BEING WAS TAKEN FROM THEM AFTER MANY ACTS OF BARBARISM THROUGHOUT THIS SECTOR OF THE GALAXY. THIS IS A PENAL PLANET, AND OVER THE CENTURIES THEY HAVE MANAGED TO LURE MANY PEOPLE HERE IN AN ATTEMPT TO GAIN "BODIES" IN WHICH TO RESTART THEIR BRUTAL CONQUESTS.

THEY STAYED UNDER COVER UNTIL THE DAY FADED.



KELSEY TOOK THEM TO THE AREA OF THE POWER SOURCE —











DON LISTER STUMBLER —



HIS LASER TORCH BOUNCED CLEAR ...







DESPERATELY HE DIRECTED THE JET ON THE MULTIPLYING CRYSTALS AND BUBBLES —



BRENT LEFT THE CYLINDER AND RAN MADLY —



ANTI-ENERGY — !  
DON'T STOP!

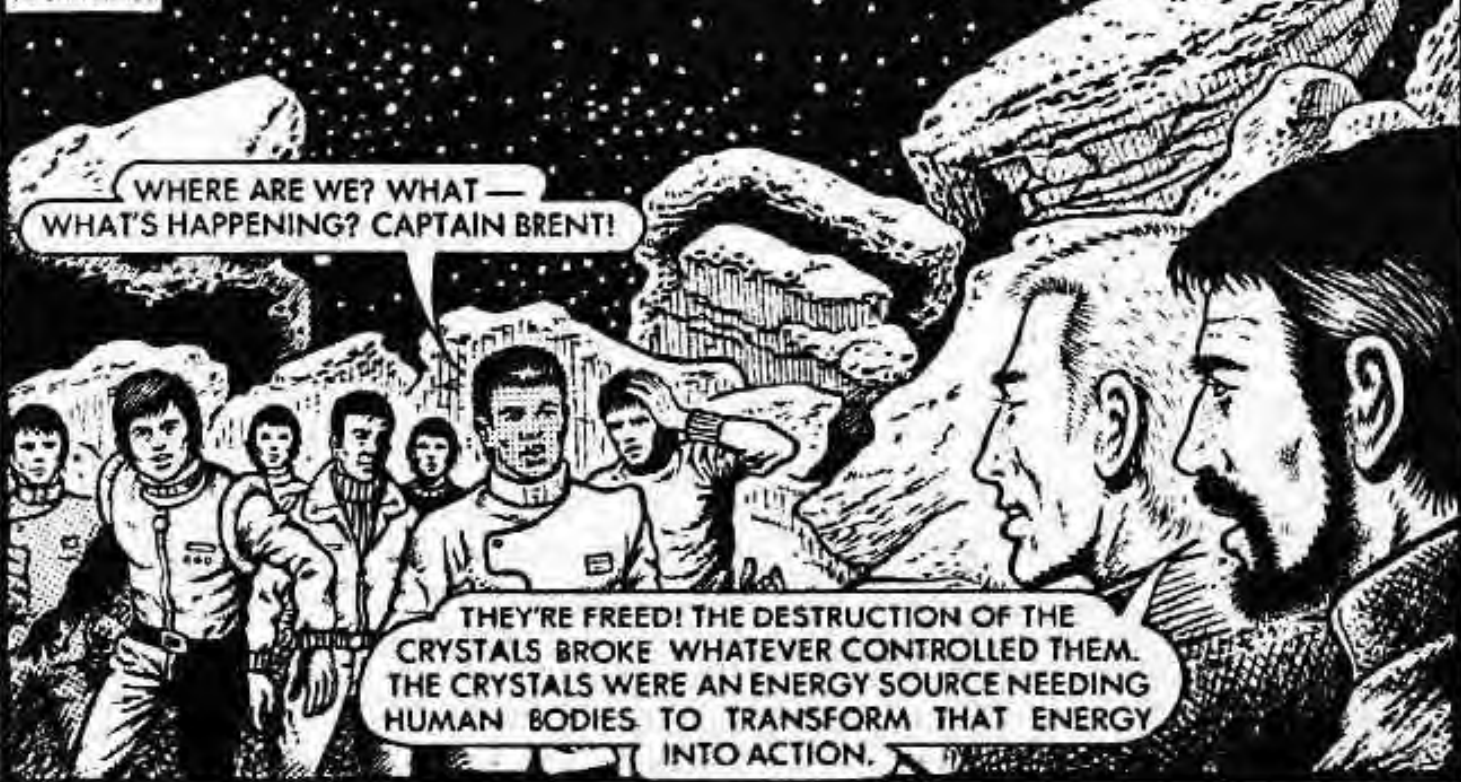




THE EXPANDING CRYSTALS AND THE ANTI-ENERGY CAUSED A LARGE EXPLOSION —



WHEN EVERY FORCEFIELD WAS SHATTERED AND DESTROYED, CREW-MEMBERS RETURNED TO NORMAL.



THE WANDERER CLIMBED INTO THE ALIEN SKIES.

EARTH BASE, HERE WE COME! THE MYSTERY OF  
MISSING SHIPS HAS BEEN SOLVED — AND A  
THREAT TO THE GALAXY AVERTED.



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IN THE GALAXY PLOTTED REVENGE

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## COSMONAUT'S FIVE-YARD STROLL

# MAN STEPS INTO SPACE

**M**AN stepped out of the cabin of a spaceship into Outer Space for the first time today.

Soviet Colonel Alexei Leonov opened the hatch of Voshkod II at 8.30 a.m. (GMT) and moved about five yards away. Colonel Pavel Ivanovich Belyayev, 39, and Lt. Colonel Alexei Archipovich Leonov, 30, were the crew on this mission lasting 1 day 2 hr. 2 min. 17 sec.

BELYAYEV



LEONOV



Belyayev died on January 10, 1970. Leonov flew as commander of Soyuz 19 during the joint US-USSR mission called ASTP on July 15, 1975. His mission lasted 5 days 22 hr. 31 min. Leonov is now retired.